

McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of 23d and Wallace—24.

Nays—None.

So the memorial passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Niblack moved that the communication from the Hon. D. L. Yulee be referred to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, and that the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly be invited by the committee of the Senate to sit with the Senate committee for the purpose of affording Mr. Yulee an opportunity of explaining the cause and legality of the sale of the Florida Railroad in the year 1867, and report to this Senate on to-morrow the result of their deliberations.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Orman, by permission, presented the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 19, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 138, to be entitled an act to protect settlers on public lands of the State, have considered the same and recommend its passage.

W. T. ORMAN, Chairman.

SETH FRENCH.

F. B. HAGAN.

ROBERT MEACHAM.

Which was read and Senate bill No. 138 placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. French asked permission to take up for a third reading Resolution for a mail route from Volusia to Daytona and New Smyrna;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, Leslie, Long, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Wallace—23.

Nays—None.

So the resolution was adopted, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

CONFIRMATIONS.

Joel W. Swain, to be County Judge of Brevard county.

John H. Carr, to be Commissioner of Pilotage for the port of Pensacola.

Patrick Houstoun, to be member of the Board of Education for West Florida.

Thos. P. Shuler, to be Collector of Revenue for Liberty county.

John Chain, to be County Judge of Santa Rosa county.

Wiley J. Williams, to be Collector of Revenue for Santa Rosa county.

Silas Jernigan, to be Assessor of Taxes for Santa Rosa county.

W. F. Burtt, to be Collector of Revenue for Hillsborough county.

L. G. Lesley, to be Assessor of Taxes for Hillsborough county.

REMOVAL.

John Pine, as Commissioner of Pilotage in Escambia county.

THURSDAY, February 20, 1879.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tem. in the chair.

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

Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, Long, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wamboldt.

On motion of Mr. Walker of the 23d, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Walker asked leave of absence for Mr. Lesley until Saturday;

Which was granted.

Mr. Durkee asked that the journal be corrected so as to show his vote on yesterday on the passage of the Black Creek and

Starke Railroad bill, which was "aye" and not "no;" also, that he voted "no" on the passage of the bill in regard to the disqualification of judges of the Supreme Court;

Which was agreed to.

Messrs. McMeekin and Long also had their votes corrected as voting "no" on the latter bill.

The following bills were introduced and placed among the orders of the day:

By Mr. McKinnon:

Senate bill No. 149, to be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

By Mr. Durkee:

Senate bill No. 150, to be entitled an act for the relief of Richard Johnson.

By Mr. Niblack:

Senate bill No. 151, to be entitled an act authorizing the Governor to employ an agent to collect from the United States the moneys due the State of Florida for the purposes of education.

By Mr. Walker of 6th:

Senate bill No. 152, to be entitled an act for the relief of the estate of A. D. McDonald; also,

Senate bill No. 153, to be entitled an act to provide for the liability of steamboats and railroads as carriers in this State.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 56, to be entitled an act to amend sections 1 and 2 of an act to regulate the sale of certain agricultural products in this State, being chapter 3014 of the Laws of Florida, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Mr. McKinnon made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Taxation and Finance to whom was

referred Senate bill No. 83, to be entitled an act to amend chapter 2080, Laws of Florida, approved March 7, 1877, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved February, 1874; also

Senate bill No. 133, to be entitled an act to amend chapter 2084, being an act to provide for the redemption of lands sold for taxes, approved March 7, 1877, have carefully examined the same and recommend that they be indefinitely postponed, as the first has been provided for in the general revenue bill, and the latter by a bill passed by this Senate on the 17th inst.

Very respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Genovar made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 19, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Claims to whom was referred bills Nos. 139, 144 and 178, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

F. B. GENOVAR, Chairman,
J. G. SPEER.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 19, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee to whom was referred Senate bill No. 140, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do pass with the following amendment: Strike out in section 1, fourth line, "eighty-four" and insert "forty-two," and in section 2, second line, strike out "eighty-four" and insert "forty-two," strike out in the preamble, "eighty-four" and insert "forty-two."

Very respectfully,

F. B. GENOVAR, Chairman,
J. G. SPEER.

Which was read, and the following bills were placed among the orders of the day:

Senate bill No. 139, to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. W. H. Babcock; also

Senate bill No. 140, to be entitled an act for the relief of J. J. Johnson; also,

Senate bill No. 144, to be entitled an act for the relief L. B. Lee; and,

Assembly bill No. 178, to be entitled an act for the relief of Andrew J. Harrell.

Mr. Niblack made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Railroads to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 88, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Midland Railway, Drainage and Canal Company respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,
S. L. NIBLACK, Chairman.

Which was read and Assembly bill No. 88 placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Niblack made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 63, of chapter 1893 of the laws of Florida, approved February 27, 1872, recommend that the bill be amended by adding at the close of section 2: "Provided, The provisions of this section shall only apply to the bar or harbor of Pensacola," and when so amended recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,
S. L. NIBLACK,
Chairman pro tem. of the Judiciary Committee.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred Senate bill No. 73, entitled an act to amend section 1 of an act to amend an act regulating judicial proceedings, approved November 23, 1828, have examined the same and recommend the passage of the substitute herewith.

S. L. NIBLACK,
Chairman pro tem. of the Judiciary Committee.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred Senate bill No. 70, entitled an act to amend an act directing the mode of suing out and prosecuting writs of *habeas corpus*, approved September 16, A. D. 1822, have had the same under consideration and recommend the passage of the bill.

Very respectfully
S. L. NIBLACK, Chairman.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred Senate bill No. 115, entitled an act to enable employers to control their apprentices, have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,
S. L. NIBLACK, Chairman.

Which were read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Bryson made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills respectfully report that they have examined bill No. 97, to be entitled an act relating to the lien and collection of rent, and to repeal an act for the relief of landlords, approved January 16, 1866; also,

Bill No. 76, to authorize the registered voters of any city, town, corporate village or township in Florida to determine by vote whether intoxicating liquors may be sold therein; also,

Bill No. 129, to be entitled an act to authorize the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to institute suits to settle the title of certain railroads constructed under the provisions of the internal improvement act, and to protect the interest of said fund therein; also,

Bill No. 23, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act taxing telegraph lines operating in this State; also,

Bill No. 92, to authorize John McDavid of Santa Rosa county, to cut a canal from Escambia river to Canoe creek; also,

Bill No. 105, to be entitled an act to allow lunatics, idiots or insane persons, whose friends, parents or guardians are able to pay for the support of such lunatics, to be received into the asylum, and to allow the authorities of such asylum to receive compensation therefor; also,

Bill No. 53, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Eustis, Orlando and Kissinamee Railroad and Navigation Company; also,

Bill No. 102, to be entitled an act to regulate the practice in writs of *scire facias*; also,

Bill No. 120, to be entitled an act for the relief of G. A. Lamb, and find them correctly engrossed, and return the same herewith properly endorsed.

Respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, JR., Chairman.

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

Mr. Thompson made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Corporations to whom was referred Senate bill No. 75, entitled an act in relation to betterments and sanitary improvements; also,

Senate bill No. 99, entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the creation of corporations and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities, and to re-enact and amend the sections repealed by said act, have examined the same and recommend that they do pass.

Respectfully,

W. N. THOMPSON, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Walker of the 6th made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 19, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they have examined Senate bill No. 69, an act to incorporate the St. Johns and Lake Eustis Railway Company; also,

Senate bill No. 9, an act for the relief of Thomas Forrester, of Monroe county; also,

Senate bill No. 33, an act for the relief of G. M. T. Simmons; also,

Senate bill No. 47, an act for the relief of A. S. DeCheniva, of Hillsborough county; also,

Assembly bill, an act requiring conveyance of State lands, or any interest therein, by the officers having them in charge, to be attested with the seal of the Florida Land Office, and to admit such deeds to record and to be received in evidence in the courts of the State of Florida; also,

Assembly bill, an act for the adoption of a child by Daniel D. Thomas and Emma Thomas; also,

Assembly bill, an act for the relief of Mark W. Downie; also,

Assembly bill, an act in relation to crimes; also,

Assembly bill, an act for the relief of William Back, and found them correctly enrolled.

Respectfully,

J. C. WALKER,

Chairman Senate Committee,

A. C. WHITE,

Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read, and the Senate and Assembly enrolled bills were signed by Hon. W. D. Barnes, President, and James G. Gibbs, Secretary of the Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 149:

To be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue,

Was read the first time and, on motion, the rule was waived and the bill put among the orders of the day for a second reading.

Senate bill No. 150:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Richard Johnson, of Duval county,

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Claims

Senate bill No. 151:

To be entitled an act authorizing the Governor to employ an agent to collect from the United States the moneys due the State of Florida for the purposes of education,

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

Senate bill No. 152:

To be entitled an act for the relief of the estate of A. D. McDonald,
Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Senate bill No 153:

To be entitled an act to provide for the liability of steamboats and railroads as carriers in this State,
Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Senate bill No. 138:

To be entitled an act to protect settlers on public lands of the State,
Was laid over subject to call.

Senate bill No. 95:

To be entitled an act to prevent issuing scrip for currency,
Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The following resolution in relation to license tax was presented by Mr. Durkee:

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of section 11 of an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved February 17, 1874, persons following certain professions and vocations therein enumerated are required to pay a license tax to the State before engaging in such profession or avocation;

AND, WHEREAS, Persons following the professions or avocations hereafter enumerated, among others, are embraced among those who are required to pay such license tax, viz: keepers of hotels, keepers of boarding houses, lawyers, doctors, dentists, druggists, photographers, insurance agents, auctioneers, keepers of livery stables, owners and managers of boats, butchers, agents of express companies, banks and bankers, merchants and store-keepers;

AND, WHEREAS, Persons following the avocations hereafter enumerated, among others, are not required to pay such license tax, viz: architects, carpenters and builders, shoemakers, masons, tinsmiths, blacksmiths, tailors, mill-owners, loggers, planters, stock-owners, steamboat-owners, manufacturers of naval stores and editors and publishers;

AND, WHEREAS, Such discrimination between persons following different professions and avocations in the imposition of a license tax does not impose a uniform and equal rate of taxation, as required by article 12, section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Florida;

AND, WHEREAS, The Governor of the State has called the attention of the Legislature, in his annual message, to the necessity of an equal and uniform basis of taxation, thus caus-

ing the burdens of government to rest with equal weight upon all the citizens of the State:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the uniformity and equality of the license tax as now imposed under the provisions of the act of February 17, 1874, as before stated, and as to the justice and propriety of continuing such license tax upon persons following the professions and avocations enumerated in the preamble to this resolution as paying a license tax, unless the provisions of the said act for the assessment and collection of revenue be extended so as to embrace all persons engaged in industrial avocations, and that they report their conclusions to this Senate at as early a day as practicable.

J. H. DURKEE.

Which was read.

Also the following report of the committee:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Taxation and Finance, to whom was referred a resolution in relation to license tax, have carefully considered the same and was much in favor of recommending the abolishing of all professional and occupational tax; but we became satisfied that we could not do so and recommend any reduction on the property tax, and we do not think it advisable to include other occupations, as we are opposed to that mode of raising revenue.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Chairman.

Which was read and, on motion of Mr. Durkee, put off for consideration when the bill for the assessment and collection of revenue is taken up.

Senate bill No. 83:

To be entitled an act to amend chapter 2080 of the Laws of Florida, approved March 7, 1877, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved February, 1874,

Was read a second time and, on motion, was indefinitely postponed.

Senate bill No. 140:

To be entitled an act for the relief of J. J. Johnson,

Was read a second time and, on motion of Mr. McKinnon, was amended in accordance with the report of the Committee on Claims;

Which was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 44 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of L. B. Lee,

Was read the second time and, on motion of Mr. Walker of 23d, the rule was waived and the bill read a third time.

On motion, the rule was again waived and the bill put back on its second reading.

Senate bill No. 139 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. W. H. Babcock, Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Durkee, the rule was waived, the bill read the third time and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Judge, Long, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—25.

Nays—Mr. Johnson—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Walker of 6th made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they have this day sent to the Governor for his approval, the following bills, properly signed by the officers of both Houses : Senate bill No. 69, to be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Johns and Lake Eustis Railway Company ; also,

Senate bill No. 9, to be entitled an act for the relief of Thomas Forrester, of Monroe county ; also,

Senate bill No. 43, to be entitled an act for the relief of G. M. T. Simmons ; also,

Senate bill No. 47, to be entitled an act for the relief of A. S. DeCheniva, of Hillsboro county ; also,

Assembly bill No. —, to be entitled an act requiring conveyance of State lands or any interest therein by the officers having them in charge, to be attested with the seal of the Florida Land office and to admit such deeds to record and to be received in evidence in the courts of the State of Florida ; also,

Assembly bill, to be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by Daniel D. Thomas and Emma Thomas ; also,

Assembly bill, to be entitled an act for the relief of Mark W. Downie ; also,

Assembly bill, to be entitled an act in relation to crime ; also,

Assembly bill, to be entitled an act for the relief of William Back.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Orman moved that Senate bill No. 108, for the relief of Dr. McRae be taken up ;

Which was agreed to, and the bill read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Judge, Long, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of 23rd, Walker of 6th and Wallace—23.

Nays—Mr. Johnson—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 73 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 1 of an act to amend an act regulating judicial proceedings, approved November 23, 1828,

Was read the second time and, on motion of Mr. McKinnon, the substitute of the committee was adopted and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 115 :

To be entitled an act to enable employers to control their apprentices,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the rule was waived and the bill read the third time and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Judge, Long, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—22.

Nays—Mr. Johnson—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 88 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Midland Railway, Drainage and Canal Company,

Was read the second time and, on motion of Mr. Speer, its further consideration was put off until Saturday.

Assembly bill No. 63 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 3, of chapter 1893 of the laws of Florida, approved February 27, 1872,

Was read a second time, and amended by adding at close of section 2: "Provided, The provisions of this section shall only apply to the bar or harbor of Pensacola."

The rule being waived, the bill was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, Long, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23rd, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 70:

To be entitled an act to amend an act directing the mode of suing out and prosecuting writs of *habeas corpus*, approved September 16, 1822,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 75:

To be entitled an act in relation to betterments and sanitary improvements,

Was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Durkee, the rule was waived, the bill read the third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Speer, Thompson and Walker of 23d—17.

Nays—Messrs. McKinnon, Meacham and Richard—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 133:

To be entitled an act to amend chapter 2084, being an act to provide for the redemption of land sold for taxes, approved March 7, 1877,

Was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Thompson, was laid on the table subject to call.

Assembly bill No. 178:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Andrew J. Harrell,

Was read a second time.

Senate bill No. 99:

To be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the creation of corporations, and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities,

Was read the second time and, on motion of Mr. Durkee,

the rule was waived and the bill read the third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Long, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker of the 23rd and Wallace—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Concurrent resolution for the benefit of the deaf and blind of Florida, was read a second time and, on motion of Mr. Judge, was indefinitely postponed.

Senate bill No. 149:

To be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, was taken up and, on motion of Mr. Durkee, was made the special order for 11 A. M. Friday.

Mr. Niblack asked leave, which was granted, to introduce Senate bill No. 154, to be entitled an act levying a tax for the years 1879 and 1880;

Which was read the first time and, on motion of Mr. Durkee, 150 were ordered to be printed.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 19:

In relation to land granted the State of Florida by act of Congress, approved September 28, 1850,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Walker of 23d, Walker of 6th and Wallace—17.

Nays—None.

So the resolution was adopted, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 23:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act taxing telegraph lines operating in this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Walker of the 23d, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted concurrent resolution asking information from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the accompanying concurrent resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 227, to be entitled an act relating to the sale of timber from State lands and the appointment of agents for the protection thereof, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 5, to be entitled an act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the present Legislature, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 204, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad Company, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 117, to be entitled an act to amend section 4 of an act entitled an act to establish the office of harbor master for the port of Pensacola, approved December 8, 1866, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has refused to concur in Senate amendment to Assembly bill No. 14, to amend the sixty-ninth section of an act entitled an act to provide for the punishment of crime and proceedings in criminal cases, approved August 6, 1868, and ask the Senate to recede from Senate amendment thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and placed among the orders of the day.
Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has concurred in Senate amendment to Assembly joint resolution relative to a mail route from Tallahassee, in Leon county, to Bristol, Liberty county, Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Senate bill No. 53 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Eustis, Orlando and Lake Tahopikaliga R. R. Co.,

Was read the third time.

Mr. Durkee moved that the further consideration of the bill be put off till Saturday ;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate then went into executive session.

On the doors being opened, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FRIDAY, February 21, 1879.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

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

Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, Long, McClemy, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Walker of the 23d, Walker of the 6th and Walls—23.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with and the journal approved.

Mr. Bryson asked that Mr. Sharpe be excused from attendance on account of sickness ;

Which was granted.

The following bills were introduced and placed among the orders of the day :

By Mr. Bryson :

Senate bill No. 155, to be entitled an act fixing the time of holding the Circuit Court in the 3d Judicial Circuit.

By Mr. Orman :

Senate bill No. 156, to be entitled an act for the protection of female chastity in this State.

By Mr. Walker of the 6th :

Senate bill No. 157, to be entitled an act for the relief of W. H. Coleman.

Mr. Bryson reported that the Committee on Engrossed Bills had examined the following bills and found them correctly engrossed :

Senate bill No. 73, to be entitled an act to amend section 1 of an act regulating judicial proceedings, approved November 23, 1828.

Senate bill No. 95, to be entitled an act to prevent the issue and circulation of scrip, notes, bills or any other paper as a substitute in any respect for lawful currency.

Senate bill No. 140, to be entitled an act for the relief of J. J. Johnson.

The report of the committee was read and the accompanying bills placed among the order of the day.

Mr. Niblack made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 21, 1879.

HON. WM. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

The Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 146, "in relation to the public records of the several counties in the State of Florida," respectfully report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK, Chairman

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

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 21, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 155, "to be entitled an act relating to Coroner's