

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

juries," respectfully report that they have examined the same and recommend its passage.

Respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK, Chairman.

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

Mr. McClenny made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 21, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 54, a bill to confer further powers upon the Atlantic and Gulf Transit Canal Company, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do not pass.

C. B. McCLENNY, 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:

SIR: Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 72, "an act for the better security of the harbors of the coast of Florida;" also,

Assembly bill No. 94, a bill to be entitled an act for the protection of ports, harbors, bays and rivers of this State, and to repeal chapter 1900 of the laws of the State of Florida, beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that Assembly bill No. 94 be passed; also,

That Senate bill No. 72 lie upon the table, as it embraces the same subject.

C. B. McCLENNY, Chairman.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 20, 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 the following bills and memorials, and find them correctly enrolled:

Senate bill No 18, to be entitled an act to grant certain lands

to the Tampa, Peace Creek and St. Johns River Railway Company; also

Senate bill No. 68, to be entitled an act to grant certain lands to the Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad Company; also

Senate bill No. 106, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Chattahoochee and Pensacola Railroad Company; also

Assembly memorial to Congress, asking for the establishment of a mail route between St. Lucie, Brevard county, and Tustenugee, Dade county; also

Assembly bill No. 64, to be entitled an act for the protection of private residences and enclosed premises; also

Assembly bill No. 89, to be entitled an act to prevent aliens from killing birds of plume on the coast of Florida; also

Assembly resolution in relation to a mail route from Madison, in Madison county, to New Troy, in Lafayette county; also

Assembly resolution to Congress for the establishment of a weekly mail route from Anclote, via Stevison's bridge, to Tampa, Florida; also

Assembly memorial to Congress, asking for the establishment of a weekly mail route from Brooksville to New Hope, and to Dampiers in Hernando county; also

Assembly memorial to Congress, asking the establishment of a semi-weekly mail route from Quincy, Florida, via Scott's store, to Concord; also

Assembly joint resolution, asking for a mail route from Molino, in Escambia county, via Walnut Hill, in said county, to Williams' Station, in Alabama; also

Assembly joint resolution relative to a mail route from Sumterville to Bartow, Florida; also

Assembly memorial to Congress for the establishment of a mail route from Cedar Keys to Clear Water Harbor, in Hillsborough county.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER,

Chairman Senate Committee.

A. C. WHITE,

Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read.

The President *pro tem.* gave notice that the above mentioned enrolled bills were on the desk ready to be signed, whereupon they were signed by W. D. Barnes, President *pro tem.*, and James G. Gibbes, Secretary of the Senate.

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 Senate bill No. 45, to be entitled an act to amend sections two and four of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Santa Fe Canal Company, with an amendment, 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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Assembly bill No. 5:

To be entitled an act to fix pay of members, officers and attaches of the present Legislature,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Bryson moved to suspend the rules and have the bill read a second time.

Mr. Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the special committee on fee bill.

Mr. Orman moved that this motion be laid on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Thompson moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Legislative Expenses;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bryson moved that the rule be suspended and the bill read a second time.

Mr. McKinnon moved to lay this motion on the table;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved to postpone the consideration of the bill until Monday;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the bill be postponed until Saturday;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the consideration of the bill be postponed till 4 p. m. this afternoon;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bryson renewed his motion to have the bill read the second time.

The chair ruled that a two-thirds vote is required to suspend the rule.

The vote on motion to suspend the rule and have the bill read the second time was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs Allen, Bryson, Genovar, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, Long, McClenny, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Patterson and Wallace—13.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, French, Hagan, McMeekin, McKinnon, Niblack, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23rd and Walker of the 6th—12.

So it was not agreed to.

Mr. Walker moved that the bill be referred to the Judiciary Committee;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Durkee moved that the bill be referred to a special committee.

Mr. Bryson moved to lay the motion on the table;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then laid over for a second reading on to-morrow.

Concurrent resolution asking information from Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund,

Was read the first time.

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.

Was read the first time.

The rule being suspended, the bill was read the second and third times and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, McMeekin, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Speer, Walker of the 23d and Wallace—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 155:

To be entitled an act relating to Coroner's juries,

Was read the first time.

The rule being suspended, the bill was read the second and third times and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Johnson, Judge, Long, McClenny, McMeekin, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23rd, 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.

Senate bill No. 149:

To be entitled an 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. on Monday.

Senate bill No. 156:

To be entitled an act for the protection of female chastity in this State,

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

Senate bill No 157:

To be entitled an act for the relief of W. H. Coleman,

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

Assembly bill No. 209:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad Company,

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

Assembly bill No. 227:

To be entitled an act relating to sale of timber from State lands, and the appointment of agents for the protection thereof,

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

Senate bill No. 54:

To be entitled an act to confer powers upon the Atlantic and Gulf Transit Canal Company,

Was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. McKinnon, was indefinitely postponed.

Senate bill No. 45:

To be entitled an act to amend sections 2 and 4 of an act to incorporate the Santa Fe Canal Company,

Was taken up, and the Assembly amendment agreed to, and ordered to be so certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 94:

To be entitled an act for the protection of ports, harbors, bays and rivers of this State, and to repeal chapter 1900 Laws of Florida,

Was read the second time.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hatcher, Johnson, Long, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Wallace—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 72:

To be entitled an act for the better security of the harbors of the coast of Florida,

Was taken up and laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 118:

To be entitled an act making appropriation for the year 1879 and 1880,

Was postponed for further consideration till Wednesday, 26th.

Assembly bill No. 167:

To be entitled an act in relation to a uniform system of common schools, and a university.

Was postponed till to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 154:

To be entitled an act levying a tax for the years 1879 and 1880,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Durkee moved to amend by inserting after "purposes," in line eight of printed bill, "and such further amount as may be necessary to pay the interest upon its outstanding obligations, and to provide for the payment of the principal of the same when it shall become due;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Long, McClenny, Meacham, Thompson and Wallace—10.

Nays—Messrs. Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Judge, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Speer—12.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Speer moved to amend by striking out in line eight all after the word "purposes" to "and" in the ninth line.

Mr. McKinnon moved to lay that amendment on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McMeekin moved to amend by adding to the first section; "Provided that this section shall not be construed to pre-

vent the payment of interest and principal on bonds outstanding by a suitable levy of tax, now authorized by law."

The motion to amend was not agreed to.

Mr. French moved to amend by striking out "two and one-half" in 7th and 8th lines of section 1, and insert "five;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Durkee, French, Long, Meacham and Wallace—7.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Walker of the 6th—19.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Walker, of the 6th, moved that the further consideration of the be put off till Monday;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Durkee moved to amend by striking out "two and a half mills" in 7th and 8th line and insert "three mills;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Durkee, Long, Meacham, Thompson and Wallace—7.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Walker of the 23d—18.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Sharpe moved to strike out in section 1, 7th line, two and one-half mills and insert five mills;

Which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Bryson moved that section 4 be amended so as read:

"Provided this act shall not be construed to prohibit the collection of any special tax, to be levied by the county commissioners, to pay outstanding indebtedness;"

Which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Walker, of the 6th, moved to amend by striking out "five" in line 3, section 2, and insert "seven."

Mr. Bryson moved to adjourn;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the amendment proposed by Mr. Walker be laid on the table;

Which motion was agreed to.

The Senate then adjourned till 10 a.m. to-morrow.

SATURDAY, February 22, 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 6th and Wallace—24.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

By Mr. Bryson:

Senate bill No. 158, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Suwannee and Gulf Railroad and Navigation Company.

By Mr. Richard:

Senate bill No. 159, to be entitled an act to amend an act apportioning the State into Congressional Districts, approved February 18, 1874.

By Mr. Durkee:

Senate bill No. 160, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Yacht Club, with accompanying memorial.

Mr. Bryson made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 22, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined 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, and find the same properly engrossed.

Respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, JR., Chairman.

Which was read, and Senate bill No. 70 placed among the orders of the day.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 21, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to