

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

report that they have this day sent to the Governor for his approval, the following enrolled bills, properly signed by the officers of both Houses:

Senate bill No. 18, to be entitled an act to grant certain lands to the Tampa, Pease 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 Railway Company; also,

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

Memorial to Congress asking for 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, Fla.; also,

Assembly resolution 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 from Quincy, via Scott's Store, to Concord, Fla.; also,

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

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

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

Respectfully,

J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Thompson made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 22, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your special committee to whom was referred Senate

bill No. 135, have had the same consideration and recommend the passage of the substitute herewith.

Respectfully,

W. N. THOMPSON, Chairman,  
F. M. McMEEKIN.

Which was read and the accompanying Senate bill No. 135 and substitute placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill No. —:

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

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Genovar, Hagan, Johnson, Judge, Long, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Wallace—17.

Nays—Messrs. Hatcher and Richard—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 22, 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 Assembly bills and find them correctly enrolled:

An act to repeal an act entitled an act in reference to lands bought in by the State for taxes, approved December 14, 1862, and to amend an act entitled an act to quiet tax titles to lands, approved February 27, 1872; also,

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 Florida; also,

A bill 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; also,

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Ashberry Ash; also,

A joint resolution relative to the Texas and Pacific Railway Company.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER,  
Chairman Senate Committee.

A. C. WHITE,  
Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read.

Senate bill No. 146 :

To be entitled an act in relation to the public records of the several counties.

Was read a second time and, on motion of Mr. McMeekin, was amended as follows :

Provided that the provisions of this act shall not be construed as giving any one the right to interfere with the free and full control of such records by said clerk for safe keeping and for making such investigations as it is their right and duty under existing laws ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wallace moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed ;

Which was not agreed to.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 160 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Yacht Club, Was read the first time.

Mr. Durkee asked that the rule be waived and the bill read the second time by its title ;

Which was agreed to.

The rule was again waived and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, Long, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker of 6th—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 167 :

To be entitled an act to amend sections 1, 20, 24, 32 and 38 of an act to establish a uniform system of common schools and a university, approved January 30, 1869, Chapter 1686 Laws of Florida,

Was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. Durkee, was postponed until 11 Monday.

Senate bill No. 101 :

To be entitled an act in relation to the taxation of railroad property,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe,

Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—22.

Nays—Messrs. Long and Meacham—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 89 :

To be entitled an act to authorize the Attorney General to institute suit in the name and behalf of the State, and to appropriate money therefor,

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

The vote was :

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

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Meacham and Wallace—3.

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 22, 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. 6, to be entitled an act to encourage the construction of canals, improve the navigation of creeks, facilitate transportation, promote immigration and the reclamation, settlement and cultivation of State lands,

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.

Senate bill No. 90 :

To be entitled an act to amend sections five and thirty of an act entitled an act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvements in this State, approved January 8, 1855,

Was taken up and laid over till Monday.

The following communication from the Assembly was pre-

mented by a committee consisting of Messrs. Harris, McClellan and Brush:

"WHEREAS, This, the 22d of February, is the anniversary of Washington's birthday, and also the anniversary of Florida's cession to the United States, which latter event occurred on the 22d day of February, 1821, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That in commemoration of the dual event thus occurring on this day, this Assembly do now adjourn until Monday, February 24th, at 10 o'clock a. m., and that the Assembly do hold a night session on Monday evening, February 24th, to compensate for the time of the adjournment; and that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Senate of the action of the Assembly."

Mr. Durkee moved that the Senate adjourn till Monday; Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Niblack, by permission, introduced the following: Senate bill No. 161, to be entitled an act to provide for docking instruments of writing given to secure the payment of money.

Also the following:

Senate bill No. 162, to be entitled an act authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to compromise and settle claims;

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

Mr. Niblack moved that the Senate adjourn over until Monday;

Which was not agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 88:

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

Was read the second time.

Mr. Speer offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out of the bill all that part relating to the extension of said road from and south of Lake Eustace to Kissimmee river; all that part relating to opening the Kissimmee river by canal or otherwise for navigation; also all that part relating to opening or cutting a canal from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchie river, and opening said river for navigation into the Gulf of Mexico;

Which was not agreed to.

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

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar,

Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, Long, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Sharpe, Thompson, Walker of the 32d, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following communication was received and read:

FLORIDIAN OFFICE, TALLAHASSEE, February 22, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: My term of two years as State Printer expires on the 23d inst. (to-morrow), and I respectfully ask the construction by the Senate as to whether the contract made with me by the Committee on Printing on the 16th of January runs through the session, or whether it expires with my term as State Printer.

Very respectfully,

C. E. DYKE.

Which was read, and on, motion of Mr. Durkee, referred to the Committee on Printing, with instructions to report to-day.

Mr. Richard made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 22, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred a communication of Capt. C. E. Dyke, beg leave to report that in the opinion of the committee the contract for printing for the Senate was intended to include all the printing for the present session.

J. C. RICHARD, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

Senate bill No. 53:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Eustis, Orlando and Kissimmee Railroad and Navigation Company,

Was read the third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Judge, McClenny, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—20.

Nays—Messrs. Johnson, McMeekin and Sharpe—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 5 :

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Richard moved that the bill be put off for further consideration until Monday.

Mr. Bryson moved to lay this motion on the table,

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McMeekin moved to amend the bill by striking out 8 wherever it occurs and inserting 6; and by striking out 6 wherever it occurs and inserting 5.

Mr. Bryson moved to lay that amendment on the table.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Genovar, Johnson, Long, McClenny, McGuire, Meacham, Patterson, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—11.

Nays—Messrs. French, Hagan, Hatcher, Judge, McMeekin, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker of the 23d—13.

So the motion to lay on the table was not agreed to.

The question was then on the adoption of the amendment of Mr. McMeekin.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. French, Genovar, Hatcher, McClenny, McMeekin, McKinnon, Niblack, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker of the 23d—13.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Johnson, Judge, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—10.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved that the rules be suspended in order that a reconsideration of the vote on the amendment be taken;

Which was agreed to.

He then moved a reconsideration of the vote.

The roll being called,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Genovar, Hagan, Johnson, Judge, Long, McClenny, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—13.

Nays—Messrs. French, McMeekin, McKinnon, Niblack, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker of the 23d—10.

So a reconsideration was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved that the further reconsideration of the bill be postponed until Monday ;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the Senate then adjourned until Monday 10 A. M.

MONDAY, February 24, 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, Eagan, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, Judge, Long, Lykes, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe and Thompson—24.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Mr. Thompson moved that the rule be waived, so far as related to the introduction of new business, and that it required a two-thirds vote ;

Which was agreed to.

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

By Mr. Niblack :

Senate bill No. 163, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Anglo-American and Colonization and Improvement Company in the State of Florida.

By Mr. McGuire :

Senate bill No. 164, to be entitled an act to declare Catharine Ward a free dealer.

By Mr. Judge :

Senate bill No. 165, to be entitled an act to make Pamela A. Collins a free dealer and trader.

Mr. Bryson made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 24, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate :*

SIR: The Committee on Engrossed Bills report that they have examined Senate bill No. 146, in relation to public records,