

as they are able to ascertain the amount of such bonds properly out;”

Which was agreed to.

Mr. French moved to strike out “2½ mills” in 7 and 8 lines where it relates to school purposes and insert “3 mills;”

Which was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed as amended.

Senate bill No. 120:

To be entitled an act for the relief of G. A. Lamb,

Was read the third time.

Mr. Bryson moved to put it back on its second reading;

Which was not agreed to.

The bill was put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Durkee, Eagan, French, Genovar, Jones, Judge, Leslie, Lykes, McClenny, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23rd and Wallace—18.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Hatcher, Johnson, McMeekin and McKinnon—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 204:

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

Was read the second time, and amended, on motion of Mr. Genovar, by striking out “ten” and inserting “six” in first line on 13th page; and also by striking out on page 14 all after “company” down to “and” in 23d line.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, French, Genovar, Hatcher, Jones, Judge, Leslie, McClenny, McMeekin, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, 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.

Senate bill No. 158:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Suwannee and Gulf Railroad and Navigation Company,

Was read the second time, and amended as recommended by the committee.

Mr. Bryson moved to amend by adding the name of H. M. Wood among the incorporators in section 1;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bryson moved to amend by striking out “two” in line six of section four, and inserting “five.” Also to strike out all of section three. Also to strike out in section two all after “bed,” in line fifteen, and insert “within six miles of said line of railroad.” Also to strike out “three” in last line of section four, and insert “five;”

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

The Senate then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, February 27, 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, Leslie, Long, Lykes, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

By permission, Mr. Barnes introduced the following bills:

Senate bill No. 169, to be entitled an act in relation to the qualification of judges, approved December 4, 1862, and to repeal the 2d section thereof; also,

Senate bill No. 170, to be entitled an act to quiet titles to real estate; also,

Senate bill No. 171, to be entitled an act to cure defects of title deeds and conveyances;

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McClenny, by permission, introduced Senate bill No. 172, to be entitled an act for the relief of Wm. Wilson, of Clay county;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McMeekin presented the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 27, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: The Committee on Agriculture to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 105, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, beg leave to recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

F. M. McMEEKIN, Chairman.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 27, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 56:

To be entitled an act to amend sections one and two of an act to regulate the sale of certain agricultural products in this State, being chapter 3,014 of the laws of Florida, having considered the same, direct me to report it back to the Senate, without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

F. M. McMEEKIN, Chairman.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Assembly bill No. 115:

To be entitled an act to protect and preserve the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida against the suit of Francis Vose,

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

Assembly bill No. 130:

To be entitled an act to amend an act to fix the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, being chapter 1990 of the laws of Florida,

Was read the first time, and laid over for a second reading to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 206:

To be entitled an act to amend section 2 of chapter 210 of the laws of Florida, being an act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvement in this State, approved January 6, 1855,

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

Senate bill No. 169:

To be entitled an act in relation to qualification of Judges, Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill No. 170:

An act to quiet titles to real estate,

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

Senate bill No. 171:

An act to cure defects of title deeds and conveyances,

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

Senate bill No. 172:

An act for the relief of Wm. Wilson of Clay county,

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

Assembly bill No. 114:

To be entitled an act to settle the title of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad and to protect the interest of the Internal Improvement Fund therein,

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

The vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Eagan, McClenny, Meacham and Thompson—5.

Mr. Allen was excused from voting.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Eagan moved that the title of the bill be amended so as to read, "an act to unsettle the title of the Pensacola and Georgia and the Tallahassee Railroads, and to encourage further litigation."

Mr. Orman moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Which was agreed to by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson,

Jones, Judge, Leslie, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Walker of the 23d and Walker of 6th—19.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, Long, Meacham, McClenny, Thompson and Wallace—8.

The bill was then ordered to be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Niblack moved that the reference of Assembly bill No. 206 to the Judiciary Committee be reconsidered, and the bill read a second time;

Which was agreed to, and

Assembly bill No. 206:

To be entitled an act to amend section 2 of chapter 610 of the laws of Florida, being an act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvements in this State, approved January 6, 1855,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, section 1 was amended by striking out eleven and inserting twelve, and "Seth French;"

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the rule was waived and the bill read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, Judge, Leslie, Lykes, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Walker of the 23d and Walker of the 6th—18.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Durkee, Long, Meacham, Thompson and Wallace—6.

Mr. Durkee moved to amend the title of the bill so as to have it read an act to provide a Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of sufficient numerical strength to designate the attorneys who shall be employed to prosecute certain suits authorized to be brought in the name of the State without the consent of the present Board.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Durkee, Eagan and Meacham—3.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, Leslie, Lykes, McKinnon, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Walker of the 6th—18.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The bill was then ordered to be certified to the Assembly.

By permission, Mr. Bryson made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 27, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills respectfully report

that they have examined Senate bill No. 154, to be entitled an act for levying a tax for the years 1879 and 1880; also,

Senate bill No. 149, to be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, and found the same correctly engrossed, and return the same herewith properly endorsed.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, JR., Chairman.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 27, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 163:

Beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, without action by the committee, for the consideration of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

W. N. THOMPSON, Chairman.

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

Mr. Orman moved the following:

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That this present Legislature shall adjourn *sine die*, on Friday, March 7th, at 12 o'clock noon.

Mr. Bryson moved to amend by striking out "noon," and inserting "that night;"

Which was accepted, and the resolution agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, Senate bill No. 135, an act to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of an act to amend sections 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of an act to fix and regulate the fees and per diem of certain officers herein designated,

Was read the third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Eagan, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Leslie, Lykes, McMeekin, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d, 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.

Senate bill No. 149:

An act for the assessment and collection of revenue,
Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barrés, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, Judge, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker of the 23d—18.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Durkee, Leslie, McClenny, Meacham, Richard and Wallace—7.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 154:

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

Was read the third time.

Mr. Walker of the 6th moved that the bill be put back on its second reading.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, Judge, McClenny, Meacham, Thompson, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—10.

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

So it was not agreed to.

The bill was then put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, Leslie, Lykes, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer and Walker of the 23d—19.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, McClenny, Meacham, Thompson, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—9.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Senate then adjourned until 4 P. M.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Messrs. Allen, Eagan, Genovar, Hagan, Johnson, Judge, Long, Lykes, McClenny, McGuire, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Richard, Walker of the 23d and Wallace—16.

A quorum present.

Assembly bill No. 167:

An act to amend sections 1, 20, 24, 32 and 38 of an act to establish a uniform system of common school and a university, approved January 30, 1869, chapter 1686 of the Laws of Florida,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Judge, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, Niblack, Patterson, Richard, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Walker of the 6th—14.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Durkee, Eagan, French, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman and Wallace—10.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Leslie, by permission, introduced bill No. 173, an act to grant certain lands to the Tampa, Pease Creek and St. Johns River Railroad Company;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Canals.

Senate bill No. 118:

To be entitled an act making appropriations for the years 1879 and 1880,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Lykes moved to amend the bill by striking out five, in line 15, and inserting six; also, by filling blank in line 16 with "\$38,880;" also, by filling blank in line 18 with "\$6,308;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Judge moved to insert, after "\$1,000," in line 7, "for contingent traveling expenses of the Superintendent of Education, for the year 1879, on official business, \$250;"

Which was agreed to by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Genovar, Judge, Leslie, Long, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Walker of the 23d, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—15.

Nays—Messrs. Eagan, French, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Orman and Speer—7.

Mr. Lykes moved to strike out, in lines 19 and 20, all after Legislature, down to for, and insert "\$10,155.31;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved to fill blank in line 23 by inserting "including physician and druggist bill, three hundred and seventy-one dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$371.67), to be paid to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, to be paid by him to the proper persons;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Thompson moved to strike out "\$13,000" in section 1, 13th line, and insert "\$18,000;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved to add to section 1, "for interest on the bonded indebtedness of the State \$80,000, for the common school fund \$30,000, for the year 1879;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Thompson moved to add to section 1, "for providing additional accommodations at Lunatic Asylum, and for providing additional water facilities, and other necessary expenses for the health, comfort and amusement of the inmates of the asylum \$5,000, or so much as may be required."

Mr. McKinnon moved an amendment to this amendment that "\$5,000" be struck out and "\$2,000" inserted;

Which was accepted and agreed to.

Section 1 was then adopted.

Mr. Thompson moved to strike out "\$13,000" in 18th line of section 2, and insert "\$18,000;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Judge moved to amend section 2, 7th line, after figures 1,000.00, insert "for contingent traveling expenses of the Superintendent of Education for the year 1880, \$250.00."

Mr. McKinnon moved to add "provided the Superintendent will visit each of the counties in the State within the years 1879 and 1880;"

Which was accepted, and the amendment agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved to add to section 2, "for interest on the bonded indebtedness of the State \$80,000; for common school fund \$30,000 for the year 1880."

Which was agreed to.

Section 2 adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed as amended.

Senate bill No. 97:

To be entitled an act in relation to the lien and collection of rent, and to repeal an act entitled an act for the relief of landlords, approved January 16, 1866,

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, Judge, Leslie, McClenny, McMeekin, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Walker of the 6th—20.

Nays—Messrs. Eagan, Long, McGuire, Meacham and Wallace—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

President *pro tem.* in the chair.

Senate bill No. 122:

An act to provide for the recovery and settlement of title to lands granted to the Pease Creek Immigration Company,

Was read the second time, the rule waived, and it was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, Judge, Leslie, Lykes, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer and Walker of the 23d—21.

Nays—Mr. Eagan—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 147:

To be entitled an act for the relief of collectors of revenue of this State,

Was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Eagan, was recommitted.

Mr. McKinnon moved it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, February 27, 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. 129, to be entitled an act to authorize the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to institute suit 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,

Senate bill No. 78, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of cities and towns and to establish a uniform system of municipal government in this State, approved February 4, 1869, and the acts amendatory thereof, and to further provide for the organization and government of cities.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and Senate bills 78 and 129 ordered to be enrolled.

Assembly bill No. 155:

To be entitled an act relating to coroners' jurors,

Was read the second time, the rule waived, read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Eagan, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, Judge, Leslie, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Wallace—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following communication from the Governor was received and read :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, TALLAHASSEE, February 26, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

SIR: I have this day deposited in the office of the Secretary of State two bills, which originated in the Senate, and which have become laws without my signature, to wit ;

An Act for the relief of G. M. T. Simmons ; also,

An Act for the relief of A. S. Decliniver.

Very respectfully,

GEO. F. DREW.

Mr. McGuire moved that Senate bill No. 94, to be entitled an act to prevent unjust extortion or discrimination in charges of freight or passengers by railroads in this State, be made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M. ;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate then went into executive session.

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

CONFIRMATIONS :

W. B. Taylor as State Attorney Third Judicial Circuit.

Benj. S. Roberts, Sheriff Baker county.

Edward G. Rogison, Assessor of Taxes Baker county.

G. F. Smith, Assessor of Taxes Polk county.

Wilson H. Sessions, Assessor of Taxes Suwannee county.

O. A. Buddington, Clerk of Court Clay county.

REMOVAL :

U. C. Herndon as Sheriff of Baker county.

FRIDAY, February 28, 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, Jones, Leslie, Long, Lykes, McCleeny, McMeekin, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Walker of the 23rd and Walker of the 6th—24.

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. McGuire moved that the Assembly be requested to return to the Senate a resolution sent the Assembly yesterday in relation to adjournment ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Niblack made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 27, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 170 :

To be entitled an act to quiet titles to real estate, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the passage of the bill as amended ; also

Senate bill No. 171 :

And recommend it do not pass ; also

Senate bill No. 168 :

And recommend it pass.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. NIBLACK, Chairman *pro tem.*

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

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, February 28, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, to whom was referred