

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; also,

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

Senate bill No. 89, to be entitled an act to authorize the Attorney-General to institute suits in the name and behalf of the State and to appropriate money therefor; also,

Senate bill No. 2, to be entitled an act to direct the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to sell certain lands, and pay certain debts therein named; also,

Senate bill No. 75, to be entitled an act in relation to betterments and sanitary improvements; also,

Senate bill No. 135, to be entitled 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 entitled an act to fix and regulate the fees and per diem of certain officers herein named.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 154:

To be entitled an act to establish a ferry across the Apalachicola river at Chattahoochee,

Was read the second time, the rule waived and the bill read a third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—None.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Eagan, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, Judge, Long, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Orman, Patterson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker of the 23—19.

So the bill did not pass.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 6, 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. 140, to be entitled an act for the relief of J. J. Johnson, of Lafayette county; also,

Senate bill No. 167, to be entitled an act for the relief of William J. Jones and William F. Smith.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read and the accompanying bills ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 6, 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. 136, to be entitled an act to construe section 1 of an act amendatory to an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of electors and the holding of elections, approved August 6, 1868, which amendatory act was approved February 27, 1877,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read.

The rule being waived, the bill was read a second and third times and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Eagan, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, Judge, Long, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, 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.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 A. M. to-morrow.

FRIDAY, March 7, 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, Hatcher, Johnson, Long, McClenny, McGuire, Mc-

Kinnon, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer and Thompson—21.

A quorum present

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Mr. Walker of the 23d presented the following communication:

*To the President and Members of the Senate:*

GENTLEMEN: I should do injustice to my own sense of obligation were I not at this time to express to you my thankfulness and gratification at having been made your Chaplain during your session, which closes to-day, and for the kindness and courtesy which you have shown me at all times, and which I have observed to exist among yourselves. But especially do I feel gratified at the respect and marked attention invariably exhibited during the daily morning prayers, thus rendering homage and acknowledging as Legislators the existence, presence and providence of God, "in whom we live, and move, and have our being."

We all, certainly, shall never meet again in our present relation to each other as Senators and Chaplain, but you will allow me to assure you that you have my sincere prayers and kindest wishes for your present and future spiritual and temporal welfare, and that when you return to your homes you may find your families in health, and your constituents prosperous and satisfied with your labors in their behalf. Again, gentlemen, I thank you.

J. S. HARRISON, Chaplain.

Which was read.

Mr. Bryson presented the following communication:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: I learn that the provisions of the pay bill, by which the Assembly proposed an extra compensation of two dollars per day to the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly, on account of their responsible and arduous duties, meets with violent opposition from some Senators; I therefore desire to say, that as far as I am concerned, that if it is thought my services have not been worth more than those of the other clerks and officers, that I prefer no extra allowance be made. I have endeavored to perform the duties of Secretary in a

satisfactory manner, and if I have failed, I wish no discrimination made in my behalf.

Very respectfully,

JAS. G. GIBBES,

*Secretary of the Senate.*

Which was read.

Mr. French, by permission, introduced Senate bill No. 187, an act in relation to agricultural statistics;

Which was read the first time.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, Long, McClenny, McGuire, Meacham, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker of the 23d—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Genovar, by permission, introduced Senate bill No. 188, a bill appropriating \$2,000 for the apprehension and return of persons charged with crimes in 1880,

Was, on the rules being suspended, read first, second and third times and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, McClenny, McGuire, Niblack, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker of the 23rd—14.

Nays—Messrs. Eagan, Johnson, Long and Wallace—4.

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, March 7, 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. 268, to be entitled an act to amend section 11 of an act entitled an act to establish a uniform system of common schools and a university, approved January 30, 1869, chapter 1686, 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.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 6, 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 indefinitely postponed—

Senate bill No. 90; and,

Passed Assembly bill No. 129, to be entitled an act to regulate the the burning of the woods and forest in this State;

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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, March 7, 1879.

HON. CHARLES DOUGHERTY,

*Speaker of the Assembly:*

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Assembly bill No. 215, to be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by James Morrow and his wife Georgia; also,

Concurrent resolution relative to the Volusia bar, St. Johns river; also,

Assembly bill No. 190, to be entitled an act for the relief of John R. Sessions, of Suwannee county; 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 bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. WM. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has unanimously adopted the report of the

Joint Committee of Conference upon Senate amendments to Assembly bill No. 5, and concurred in the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee of Conference; 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. McGuire made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: The Joint Committee of Conference appointed to consider Senate amendments Nos. 1 and 6 to Assembly bill No. 5, beg leave to report, as the result of their conference, the following recommendation: That the Assembly concur in Senate amendment striking out all relating to Speaker, and that the Assembly concur in so much of sections 1 and 2 of said bill as fixes the pay of Chief Clerk of the Assembly at \$8 per day, with the following amendment:

Strike out "\$8" and insert "\$7 per day, and that the pay of the Secretary of the Senate be \$7 per day."

Very respectfully,

JOHN J. MCGUIRE,  
Chairman on part of Senate.  
J. E. YONGE,  
Chairman Assembly Committee.  
H. HATCHER,  
J. D. LEE.

Which was read.

Mr. Meacham moved that the report of the committee be adopted.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, Genovar, Meacham, Patterson, Walker of the 23d and Walker of the 6th—8.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, French, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, McClenny, McGuire, McKinnon, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Wallace—14.

So the report was not adopted.

Mr. McGuire asked that the committee be discharged;

Which was agreed to.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 53:  
Relative to the Volusia bar, on the St. Johns River,  
Was read the first time and, on motion of Mr. French, the  
rule was suspended and the resolution read a second and third  
time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, French, Hagan,  
Hatcher, Johnson, Jones, Long, McClenny, McGuire, McKin-  
non, Meacham, Orman, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Sharpe,  
Walker of the 23d and Wallace—20.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 214:

To be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by James  
Morrow and his wife Georgia Morrow,

Was read the first time, the rule being suspended the bill  
was read a second and third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Bryson, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson,  
Jones, Long, McClenny, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Patter-  
son, Richard, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and  
Wallace—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 190:

To be entitled an act for the relief of J. R. Sessions, Sheriff of  
Suwannee county,

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

The following communication was received from the Gov-  
ernor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: I have the honor to state that upon investigation of  
the question of county expenses, I find that the amount of  
taxation allowed by the bill passed by the Legislature fixing  
the rate of taxation, to-wit: two mills, will not be sufficient to  
meet the ordinary expenses of a number of counties, even if  
they are operated upon the most economical basis. In view of  
this fact I suggest very respectfully that the County Commis-

sioners be allowed to increase this tax to four mills in counties  
having two thousand or more registered voters, or upon an  
election by the people, or recommendation of the grand jury, or  
in some other manner which may be advisable. Unless some-  
thing of this kind is done I am unable to see how the counties  
referred to are to meet their ordinary expenses.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE F. DREW, Governor.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Harris, Assembly bill No. 268, to be enti-  
tled an act to amend section 11 of an act entitled an act to  
establish a uniform system of common schools and a university,  
approved January 30, 1869,

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

Assembly bill No. 129:

To be entitled an act to regulate the burning of woods and  
forests in this State,

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

The Senate then took a recess until 12:30 P. M.

## HALF-PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Mr. Thompson made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was re-  
ferred Assembly bill No. 202, have had the same under con-  
sideration and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

W. N. THOMPSON, Chairman.

Which was read, and Assembly bill No. 202 placed among  
the orders of the day.

Mr. Genovar made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879:

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 190, for the relief of J. R. Sessions, have examined the same and recommend that it be returned to the Assembly for correction.

Respectfully,

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

Which was read and adopted.  
Mr. Orman made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 6, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,  
*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they have examined and found correctly enrolled the following bills:

Assembly bill No. 187, an act for the relief of P. G. Snowden of Alachua county; also,

Assembly bill No. 285, an act to prescribe a uniform rate of fare upon railroads; also,

Assembly bill No. 79, an act for the relief of Edward Dennis of Duval county; also,

Assembly bill No. 126, an act for the relief of Berrien Raney of Hamilton county; also,

Assembly bill No. 91, an act to protect the food fishes in the rivers of this State, and to regulate fisheries.

Respectfully,

W. T. ORMAN,  
Acting Chairman Senate Committee.  
A. C. WHITE,  
Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read.  
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 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 found them correctly enrolled:

Senate bill No. 144, an act for the relief of Lovard B. Lee; also,

Senate bill No. 104, to be entitled an act to amend sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled an act to provide for the superintendence and management of the Asylum for Indigent Lunatics; also,

Senate bill No. 99, to be entitled an act to repeal 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; also,

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

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

Senate bill No. 70, an act to amend an act directing the mode of suing out and prosecuting writs of habeas corpus; also,

Senate bill No. 183, an act to further provide for the completion and digesting of the laws of Florida; also,

Senate bill No. 22, an act for the relief of the heirs of Thos. J. Linton, of the county of Jefferson; also,

Assembly bill No. 294, an act for levying a tax for the years 1879 and 1880; also,

Senate bill No. 48, an act for the relief of John S. Clark; also,

Senate bill No. 123, an act to legally locate the county site of Sumter county; also,

Senate bill No. 37, an act to incorporate the Black Creek and Starke Railroad and Steamboat Company; also,

Senate bill No. 74, an act to locate the county site of Brevard county; also,

Senate bill No. 118, an act making appropriations for the years 1879 and 1880; also,

Assembly bill No. 270, an act to incorporate the Cedar Key Bridge and Causeway Company; also,

Assembly bill No. 265, an act to grant certain lands to the Silver Springs, Ocala and Gulf Railroad Company; also,

Assembly bill No. 199, an act to provide for an application of the lands of the Internal Improvement Fund, by the Trustees, to cleaning out the Withlacoochee river; also,

Assembly bill No. 82, an act to provide a uniform system of quarantine in this State; also,

Assembly bill No. 136, an act to construe section 1 of an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of electors and the holding of elections, approved August 6, 1868, approved February 27, 1877; also,

Assembly bill No. 284, an act to define the boundary line between the counties of Jefferson and Leon; also,

Assembly bill No. 90, an act for the final adjustment of the

claims of ex-Governor Harrison Reed against the State of Florida; also,

Assembly bill No. 30, an act in relation to testimony in criminal cases; also,

Assembly bill No. 2, an act to repeal certain acts regulating the sale and disposal of State lands, and prescribing the duties and powers of the Register of Public Lands, which have become inoperative; also,

Assembly bill No. 248, an act to annex a portion of Volusia county to Brevard; also,

Assembly bill No. 98, an act to provide a lien for certain laborers, and to provide for the enforcement thereof; also,

Assembly bill No. 102, an act to amend section 1 of chapter 3010 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend section 2, chapter 1628 of the Laws of Florida, relating to jurors, and to repeal chapter 2043, Laws of Florida, approved February 20, 1875; also,

Assembly bill No. 198, an act to declare the opening of communication between the waters of Crescent lake and the waters of Halifax river, and removing or opening the haulover.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER,

Chairman Senate Committee.

A. C. WHITE,

Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Walker of the 6th introduced the following resolution:  
*Resolved*, That the rules, so far as they relate to the Joint Enrolling Committee, be, and the same are hereby suspended for the remainder of the session, and that a committee be appointed to request the concurrence of the Assembly therein;

Which was agreed to.

The following committee was appointed under the above resolution:

Messrs. Walker of the 6th, Genovar and Allen.

Assembly bill No. 202:

To be entitled an act to declare the opening of Rice creek and the cutting of a canal into Santa Fe lake a proper object of the Internal Improvement Fund, and to aid the same, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time, and the rule being suspended, the bill was read the third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, French, Genovar, Hagan, Johnson, Jones, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23rd and Wallace—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Thompson, by permission, introduced Senate bill No. 189, to be entitled an act for the relief of W. D. Palmer,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Durkee, Genovar, Hatcher, McGuire, McKinnon, Patterson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—13.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Eagan, Hagan, Johnson, McMeekin, Orman and Richard—7.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Senate went into executive session.

On the doors being opened, Mr. McMeekin made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 268, entitled an act to amend sections 1 and 14 of an act entitled an act to establish a uniform system of common schools and a university, approved January 30, 1869, chapter 1686 of the Laws of Florida, having considered the same recommend its passage.

Respectfully,

F. M. McMEEKIN,  
SETH FRENCH.

Assembly bill No. 286, was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Durkee, the Senate adjourned until 4 P.

M.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

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, Long, McClenny, McMeekin, McGuire, Nib-

lack, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Walker of the 6th—19.

A quorum present.

The Senate went into executive session.

On the doors being opened,

Mr. Orman made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 129, to be entitled an act to regulate the burning of woods and forests in this State, have had the same under consideration and recommend it passage.

Very respectfully,

W. T. ORMAN, Chairman.

Which was read and Assembly bill No. 129 placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Walker, of the committee to ask the Assembly to suspend the joint rule as to enrolled bills, reported that the committee had performed its duty and asked to discharged;

Which was done.

The following report was received and read:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: The Judiciary Committee which was instructed to inquire into the legality and propriety of the compensation allowed to certain Cabinet officers for services rendered to the Internal Improvement Fund, respectfully report that, by the second section of the Internal Improvement Act, the lands therein mentioned, and the proceeds thereof, are vested in the Trustees, "after paying the necessary expenses of selection, management and sale."

On the 20th of February, 1855, the Board of Trustees, by resolution, provided for the election of a President, Secretary, Salesman and Treasurer. The salaries of these officers, except the President, were then fixed at certain figures, which have been increased and reduced from time to time, and for the past five years the salaries have been as now, Salesman \$1,200, Secretary \$400 and Treasurer \$600.

Hugh A. Corley, Commissioner of Lands and Immigration, is the present Salesman and Secretary, and Walter Gwynn, Treasurer of the State, is also Treasurer of the Internal Improvement Fund. The officer in charge of the land office has

always been selected as Salesman, and the salary has always been appropriated to the payment of a clerk in the office. The salary of the Treasurer is also appropriated to the payment of a clerk in that office. The State Treasurer has generally been appointed Treasurer of the Internal Improvement Fund, but at several times the office was filled by others. The office of Secretary was first filled by the Attorney-General, then by the Secretary of State, then by the Register of Public Lands, and since by the Surveyor-General, the Commissioner of Immigration and other State officers. In all cases the salary has been paid the person filling the office. These offices do not devolve ex-officio upon the members of the board, and it would be competent for them to select other persons, not members, to fill these different positions.

The extra duties required in the management of the fund would in any event have to be paid from the fund. The other members of the board, upon whom no extra duties are devolved, do not receive any pay for simply acting as Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The following communication was made to the Senate by the committee from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: We have been appointed by the Assembly a committee to inform the Senate that the Hon. John R. Scott, one of the members of the Assembly from Duval county, has this morning deceased, and that the Assembly has, out of respect to the late member, adjourned until 3 o'clock this P. M.

Very respectfully,

JOSEPH E. LEE,  
W. M. LEDWITH,  
LOUIS J. BRUSH.

On which Mr. Wallace delivered a spirited eulogy on the life and character of the deceased.

Mr. Meacham also made appropriate remarks on the same subject.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: I have this day deposited with the Governor for his approval the following enrolled bills, viz:

Senate bill No. 22, an act for the relief of the heirs of Thos. J. Linton, of the county of Jefferson.

Senate bill No. 183, an act to further provide for the completion and digesting of the laws of Florida.

Senate bill No. 99, 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.

Senate bill No. 104, an act to amend sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled an act to provide for the superintendence and management of the Asylum for Indigent Lunatics.

Senate bill No. 144, an act for the relief of Lovard B. Lee.

Senate bill No. 70, an act to amend an act directing the mode of suing out and prosecuting writs of *habeas corpus*.

Senate bill No. 170, an act to quiet titles to real estate.

Senate bill No. 105, an act to allow lunatics, idiots or insane persons whose friends, parents or guardians are able pay for the support of such lunatics, to be received into the Asylum for Indigent Lunatics, and to allow the authorities of such Asylum to receive compensation therefor.

Assembly bill No. 294, an act to provide for levying a tax for the years 1879 and 1880.

Senate bill No. 123, an act to legally locate the county site of Sumter county.

Senate bill No. 48, an act for the relief of John J. Clark.

Senate bill No. 74, an act to locate the county site of Brevard county.

Senate bill No. 37, an act to incorporate the Black Creek and Stark Railroad and Steamboat Company.

An act making appropriations for the years 1879 and 1880.

Respectfully,

J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they find the following bills correctly enrolled:

Senate bill No. 14, an act for the relief of J. J. Johnson.

Senate bill No. 167, an act for the relief of William J. Jones and William F. Smith.

Respectfully,

J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they have examined the following bills, and report them correctly enrolled:

Senate bill No. 1, an act to supply deficiencies for the years 1876, 1877 and 1878; also,

Senate bill No. 30, an act for the relief of Charles C. Pearce, Collector of Revenue for Leon county; also,

Senate bill No. 38, an act in relation to marriages, and to provide for proving and recording of marriages in certain cases; also,

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

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read, and the enrolled bills, with those reported in the morning session, were duly signed by Hon. W. D. Barnes, *President pro tem.* of the Senate, and James G. Gibbes, Secretary of the Senate.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 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. 217, to be entitled an act to prescribe the manner in which married women, who reside in the State of Florida, may be authorized to become free dealers,

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 ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 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. 53, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Eustis, Orlando and Kissimmee Railroad and Navigation Company; also,

Senate bill No. 168, to be entitled an act for the adoption of two children;

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 bills ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 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. 185, to be entitled an act to provide equitable valuation of lands heretofore sold for taxes, and for other purposes; also,

Senate bill No. 100, to be entitled an act for the relief of George D. Allen, Collector of Revenue of the county of Monroe, 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 bills ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Niblack made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 213, to be entitled an act to create the office of Public Administrator, and to define the duties of such officer, report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage.

Respectfully,  
S. L. NIBLACK, Chairman.

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

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 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. 85, relative to the disqualification of Judges of the Supreme Court and Circuit Judges; and,

Senate bill No. 97, relating to the lien and collection of rent, and to repeal the act for the relief of landlords, with amendment.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 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 receded from their action taken upon the report of the Joint Committee of Conference, and concurred in Senate amendments to Assembly bill No. 5.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 268:

To be entitled an act to amend sections 1 and 14 of an act to establish a uniform system of common schools and a university, approved January 30, 1869, chapter 1686 of the Laws of Florida,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Richard, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Richard, Walker of the 23d and Wallace—10.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, French, Genovar, Hatcher, Johnson, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson and Speer—9.

Senate bill No. 53:

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

Was taken up, and the Assembly amendment concurred in. The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 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. 224, to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of the several counties of this State to hire out convicts confined in the county jail, 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 bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 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. 174, to be entitled an act to secure to the purchasers and transferees and their assigns, from the several railroad companies, of the lands and the titles thereto granted by the United States to the State of Florida for railroad purposes, by act of Congress approved May 17, 1856, 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.

Assembly bill No. 129:

To be entitled an act in relation to burning the woods and forests,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, French, Geno-

var, Hatcher, Johnson, Long, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Thompson, Walker of the 23d, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 224:

Authorizing the hiring out of convicts from the county jails, Was read a second time, the rule waived, read a third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, French, Genovar, Hatcher, Johnson, Long, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Walker of the 6th—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Eagan and Wallace—3.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they have examined and found correctly enrolled the following bills:

Senate bill No. 85, an act making prejudice a disqualification of Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts under certain circumstances, and providing for the substitution of Circuit Judges; also,

Senate bill No. 93, an act relating to the lien and collection of rents, and to repeal an act entitled an act for the relief of landlords, approved January 16, 1866.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 217:

To be entitled an act to prescribe how married women in the State may be authorized to become free dealers,

Was read the second time.

The rule was suspended and the bill read a third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Eagan, French, Johnson, McMeekin, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Walker of the 6th—14.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, McKinnon and Wallace—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.  
Mr. Thompson, by permission, presented Senate bill No. 190, to be entitled an act in relation to taxation,

Was read a first time and the rule suspended and the bill read a second time, and the rule again suspended and the bill read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, French, Genovar, Hatcher, Johnson, Long, McMeekin, McGuire, McKinnon, Patterson, Thompson, Walker of the 23rd and Walker of the 6th—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 213:

An act to create the office of Public Administrator, and to define the duties thereof,

Was read the first, second and third times, under a suspension of the rule, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, McKinnon, Niblack, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Wallace—7.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, Eagan, French, Hatcher, Johnson, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson and Speer—10.

So the bill did not pass.

The Senate went into Executive Session.

On the doors being opened, the following communication was received and read, and the appointment of Seth French confirmed by the Senate:

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Under the provisions of "an act to establish a Bureau of Immigration for the State of Florida, and to promote the rapid settlement of the State lands," the Bureau of Immigration have nominated Seth French, of Volusia county, as Commissioner of the Bureau of Immigration, and respectfully ask that said nomination be confirmed by the Senate.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,  
President Bureau of Immigration.

The following report from the Sargeant-at-Arms was read and adopted:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: I most respectfully report that I have paid all of the

funeral expenses, physician and drug bills of the late Senator D. N. McAuley, which amounts to \$371.22 as per the accompanying vouchers, and find that I have a balance of forty-five cents not expended of the amount appropriated for said expenses.

Very respectfully,

L. HARRISON,  
Sergeant-at-Arms Senate.

Mr. Meacham presented the following:

*Resolved*, That in respect to the memory of Hon. John R. Scott, late member of the Assembly from Duval county, the Senate do now adjourn until 8 P. M.

Mr. Walker of 23rd made a few remarks in testimony of the character of the deceased, and the Senate then adopted the resolution and adjourned until 8 P. M.

#### EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

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, Johnson, Long, McMeekin, McGuire, Orman, Patterson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker of the 23d, Walker of the 6th and Wallace—19.

A quorum present.

Assembly bill No. 174:

To be entitled an act to secure to the purchasers of lands from the several railroad companies the lands and title thereto granted by the United States to the State railroad purposes,

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

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith to the Senate a bill which originated therein, entitled an act authorizing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to institute suit to settle the title to certain railroads constructed under the

provisions of the Internal Improvement Act, and to protect the interest of said fund therein.

This bill *requires* the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to institute a suit or suits in the name of the State of Florida in any court of competent jurisdiction, to obtain possession of and establish their title to the railroad from Fernandina to Cedar Key, and that from Jacksonville to Lake City, from any person or persons having or holding possession of these roads, or claiming the same or any interest therein accruing since the sale of said roads in the years 1867 and 1868, and provides that upon such recovery the Trustees shall provide for the management and control of said roads on behalf of said fund, and all parties interested in said roads, until further instructed by the Legislature in reference thereto. It also authorizes and directs the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to appropriate and use from that fund such sums of money as may be necessary to pay attorneys' fees and costs of court in the prosecution of such suits.

If the sale of these roads by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund was illegal and can be set aside, and all interests which have accrued as to the same by or through or since said sale are untenable, or if there was no power in the Trustees to make the sales because the whole of the several lines constituting the system had not been completed, then the result which must necessarily follow upon the setting aside the sale, would be a restoration of the purchasers to the position which they were in at the time of the sale. You cannot take from them that which they received without restoring to them that which they surrendered.

This restoration, so far as the railroad from Fernandina to Cedar Key is concerned, involves the surrender to them of one million one hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars of bonds of the Florida Railroad Company, the interest of which is guaranteed by the Internal Improvement Fund, and ninety-seven thousand eight hundred dollars in money, which were paid by the purchasers as the price of the road, the bonds being surrendered at twenty cents on the dollar. The interest on these bonds, which would have accrued during the twelve years and six months which have passed since the sale at seven per cent., the amount named in the bond amounts to nine hundred and eighty-seven thousand dollars, and the interest on the ninety-seven thousand eight hundred dollars cash amounts to seventy-three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars. In so far as the Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad is concerned, it involves the surrender to the purchasers of it four hundred and sixteen thousand dollars of its bonds, the interest of which is guaranteed by the Internal Im-

provement Fund, and twenty-seven thousand eight hundred dollars in money with interest for eleven years at six per cent. per annum. The interest on these bonds, which would have accrued during the eleven years at seven per cent. per annum, the rate specified in the bond, is three hundred and twenty thousand three hundred and twenty dollars, and the interest on the cash or money payment at six per cent. is eighteen thousand and three hundred and forty eight dollars. The indebtedness to be resuscitated against the Internal Improvement Fund, by such a proceeding, is at least one million three hundred and eighty-nine thousand and eighteen dollars; and the bonds will continue to bear interest until they are paid. There can certainly be no profit in this course to the Internal Improvement Fund.

The roads will remain liable to the principal of the bonds, which exceeds their value, and it would be contrary to all experience of the past, and inconsistent with a reasonable hope based upon the real capacities of the roads, to expect that their earnings and the sales of the Internal Improvement lands would be sufficient to meet the interest on the \$1,544,000 of bonds which would thus be resuscitated, as well as the \$259,000 of bonds represented by a late report to the Senate as still outstanding. The fund, even in its present condition, is unable to give any substantial aid to the completion of the system, and any hope of aid from it is based upon the possibility of arranging the present indebtedness, but if this indebtedness is to be increased in the manner and to the extent which must follow from setting aside these sales, it will be vain to even hope for any more benefit to the State from this fund.

I feel it to be my duty to present these considerations to the Legislature, particularly in view of the fact that the language of the bill is mandatory, and assumes and decides that the Trustees are entitled to the possession of the road, and directs that action be taken accordingly. Eleven years have passed since the sale of one of the roads, and over twelve since that of the other. The company owning one road did not resist the sale of its road, and though there may have been opposition by the other, yet it was withdrawn by the directory of that company.

The sale of one road was enjoined by both United States and Circuit Courts of the State, and afterwards, upon argument, the injunctions were dissolved. These orders were made and dissolved by Judges Putnam and Fraser. The sales were made under Governor Walker's administration. By them the fund was relieved of the enormous indebtedness stated.

The Legislature has, at this session, passed a bill which proposed the enforcement of the judgment for the balance of

purchase money due upon the sale of the Pensacola and Georgia and Tallahassee railroads, sold by the Trustees, thus recognizing the validity of the sale of these roads. All their sales were made by the Trustees upon the theory that they were "completed roads," within the meaning of the Internal Improvement act. It is impossible for me to discern why a different principle or rule is adopted as to these two roads, and those involved in this bill. If the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad was a completed road, certainly these are. If the sales are still susceptible of being set aside, because the roads were not completed, and, consequently, not liable to pay the sinking fund, or to be sold on account of not paying it, then they are the property of the railroad companies. It is true we will assume that the trust fund owns \$208,000 of stock in the Florida Railroad Company, which owned the road from Fernandina to Cedar Key; and \$20,700 of the stock of the F. A. & G. C. Company, which owned the road from Jacksonville to Lake City; but what is this to the fund in comparison with the enormous liabilities which I have shown, above the overthrow of the sales, brings back upon it. The stock will necessarily be valueless.

In view of the enormous interests involved to the fund, which may by diligence and enterprise be relieved of its present indebtedness and made useful in the construction of the lines of road which the Chattahoochee and Pensacola, and the Tampa, Peace Creek and St. Johns River, and the Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad Companies proposed to undertake the construction of, and to which large grants have been made of the State's residuary interest in the lands, and in view of the fact that these sales have stood for eleven and twelve years, and in view of the fact that the bill is based upon an assumption that the sales were necessarily illegal, and leave no room for judgment or discretion upon the part of the Trustees, and believing that the measure will prove injurious to the fund and State, I feel in duty bound to withhold my approval of the bill.

Very respectfully,  
 GEORGE F. DREW, Governor.

Which was read.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 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. 190, to be entitled an act relating to taxation; also,

Assembly bill No. 97, to be entitled an act to provide a lien for the vendor of personal property for the purchase money; also,

Senate bill No. 180, to be entitled an act for the relief of W. A. C. Benbo and Charles N. Johnson.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read, and Assembly bill No. 97 taken up and read the first time.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Bryson—1.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Durkee, Eagan, Genovar, Hagan, Johnson, Long, McMeekin, McGuire, Meacham, Niblack, Patterson, Sharpe, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Wallace—17.

So the bill did not pass.

Mr. McGuire presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That believing in the omnipotence of the great and supreme Being, the Creator of all good, and believing that he who devotes a lifetime and all his best efforts to assist to recall the weak and erring to the folds of Him who sacrificed Himself for the salvation of souls, and recognizing in our Chaplain one whom we believe to be a true disciple of Christ, the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Rev. Mr. Harrison for his services as Chaplain of this body;

Which was read and adopted.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bills correctly enrolled:

Senate bill No. 100, an act for the relief of George D. Allen, Collector of Revenue for the county of Monroe.

Senate bill No. 53, an act to incorporate the Lake Eustis, Orlando and Kissimmee Railroad and Navigation Company.

Senate bill No. 168, an act for the adoption of two children by Elmore Red.

Senate bill No. 190, an act relating to taxation.

Senate bill No. 185, an act to provide for the equitable valu-

ation of lands heretofore sold for taxes, and for the redemption of the same.

Senate bill No. 129, an act to regulate the burning of woods and forests in this State.

Respectfully,  
J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read and the enrolled bills signed by W. D. Barnes, President *pro tem.*, and Jas. G. Gibbes, Secretary of the Senate.

The bill returned by the Governor in relation to the bill authorizing suits by the Internal Improvement Trustees was taken up and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Eagan, Hagan, Johnson, McMeekin, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Sharpe and Speer—9.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, Long, Meacham, Patterson, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Wallace—10.

So the bill did not pass.

Mr. Orman presented the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 174, an act to secure to the purchasers and transferees, and their assigns, from the several railroad companies of the lands and the titles thereto granted by the United States to the State of Florida for railroad purposes by act of Congress, approved May 17, 1856, have had the same under consideration and report it back without action.

Very respectfully,

W. T. ORMAN, Chairman

Which was read, and Assembly bill No. 174 read the second time, and the rule being waived was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, French, Genovar, Hatcher, Johnson, McGuire, Niblack, Thompson, Walker of the 23d and Wallace—13.

Nays—Messrs. Hagan, McMeekin, Meacham and Speer—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Walker of the 23rd asked a reconsideration of the vote by which Assembly bill No. 268, school bill, was lost.

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

Upon which the yeas and days were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, Johnson, Long, Meacham, Sharpe and Wallace—8.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, French, Genovar, Hagan, Hatcher, McMeekin, McKinnon, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, 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 motion to reconsider.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, French, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, McMeekin, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Speer and Walker of the 23d—11.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Sharpe, Thompson and Wallace—10.

So the reconsideration was agreed to.

The bill then being on its second reading, Mr. Walker moved that the rule be suspended and the bill read the third time;

Which was not agreed to, as it required a two-thirds vote to suspend the rule.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, French, Hagan, Hatcher, Johnson, McMeekin, Niblack, Orman, Patterson, Speer and Walker of the 23d—11.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Durkee, Eagan, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Sharpe, Thompson and Wallace—10.

The following report was received and read:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 190, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully,

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

Which was read, and Assembly bill No. 190, for the relief of J. R. Scissions, Sheriff of Suwannee county, was read the second time.

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

The vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Hagan, Johnson and Walker of the 6th—3.  
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, March 7, 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 Senate bills:

Senate bill No. 1, an act to supply deficiencies for the years 1876, 1877 and 1878; also,

Senate bill No. 30, an act for the relief of Charles C. Pearce, Collector of Revenue for Leon county; also,

Senate bill No. 38, an act in relation to marriages and to provide for proving and recording of marriages in certain cases; also,

Senate bill No. 149, an act for the assessment and collection of revenue; also,

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

Senate bill No. 167, an act for the relief of William J. Jones and William F. Smith; also the following Senate bills:

An act to regulate the burning of woods and forests in this State; also,

An act to provide for equitable valuation of lands heretofore sold for taxes and for the redemption of the same; also,

An act relating to taxation; also,

An act for the adoption of two children by Elmore Red; also,

An act to incorporate the Lake Eustis, Orlando and Kissimmee River Railroad and Navigation Company; also,

An act for the relief of George D. Allen, Collector of Revenue for the county of Munroe.

Respectfully,

J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Walker of the 23rd presented the following resolution:  
*Resolved by the Senate and Assembly, That the present Legislature adjourn sine die at 12 o'clock P. M., March 7, 1879;*  
Which was adopted.

The Senate then took a recess until 11:30 P. M.

HALF-PAST ELEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

On reassembling, the following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 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 having amended Senate resolution relative to adjournment by striking out "12 P. M., March 7," and inserting "12 P. M., March 8," was, by test vote, lost. The Assembly has adopted Assembly concurrent resolution relative to adjournment at 12 P. M., March 7,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief of Clerk the Assembly.*

Which was read.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 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. 128, to be entitled an act to prescribe the manner of payment of jurors and State witnesses; also,

Senate bill No. 148, to be entitled an act in relation to the Sabbath day.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read and the accompanying bills ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Allen presented the following resolution:

*Resolved, That the thanks of the Senators of this Legislature be extended to Hon. W. D. Barnes, President pro tem. of the Senate, for the impartiality, dignity and courtesy with which he has presided over the deliberations of this body;*

Which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Thompson presented the following resolution:

*Resolved, That the thanks of this Senate are hereby tendered Colonel James G. Gibbes, Secretary of the Senate, and*

Dr. W. H. Babcock, Assistant Secretary, for the prompt, efficient and courteous manner in which they have conducted the business of the Senate;

Which was unanimously adopted.

The President *pro tem.* responded with an eloquent valedictory.

Messrs. Harris, Lee and Finley, from the Assembly, appeared and informed the Senate that the Assembly had agreed to adjourn *sine die* at 12 P. M.

Mr. Orman made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: The Committee on Enrolled bills have examined and find correctly enrolled Senate bill No. 180, an act for the relief of Wm. A. C. Benbo and Chas. N. Johnson.

W. T. ORMAN, Acting Chairman.

Which was read, and the bill therein specified signed by W. D. Barnes, President *pro tem.* and James G. Gibbes, Secretary of the Senate.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they find properly enrolled Senate bill No. 148, in relation to the Sabbath day.

Very respectfully,

W. T. ORMAN, Acting Chairman.

Which was read, and the bill therein specified signed by W. D. Barnes, President *pro tem.* and Jas. G. Gibbes, Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Walker made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they have examined Senate bill No. —, an act to provide the manner of payment to jurors and State witness, and found the same correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read, and the bill therein specified signed by W. D. Barnes, President *pro tem.*, and James G. Gibbes, Secretary of the Senate.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 1879.

HON. W. D. BARNES,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have this day sent to the Governor, for his approval, the following Senate bills:

Senate bill No. —, an act for the relief of Wm. A. C. Benbo and Charles N. Johnson; also,

Senate bill No. —, an act in relation to the Sabbath day.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read.

The Senate was then declared adjourned *sine die*.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

J. M. Bush, to be Assessor of Taxes for Calhoun county.

B. Armstrong, to be Sheriff for Calhoun county.

J. M. Bush to be Collector of Revenue for Calhoun county.

W. S. Plumer, to be Collector of Revenue for Clay county.

W. Conway, to be Assessor of Taxes for Washington county.

D. H. Horn, to be Assessor of Taxes for Washington county.

W. G. Miller, to be Collector of Revenue for Washington county.

Joseph S. Barthune, to be Collector of Revenue for Munroe county.

William S. Norwood, to be Collector of Revenue for Volusia county.

Benjamin Richardson, to be Assessor of Taxes for Volusia county.

J. J. Cooper, to be Assessor of Taxes for Hamilton county.

C. C. Parker, to be Sheriff for Hamilton county.

J. P. B. Goodbread, to be Collector of Revenue for Hamilton county.

Alexander Z. Moseley, to be Sheriff for Leon county.

D. L. McKinnon, to be State Attorney for the 1st Judicial Circuit.

#### REMOVALS.

Henry Bernreuter, from the office of Sheriff of Leon county.  
Richard Curry, from the office of Sheriff of Munroe county.