

Which was read by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Mallory :

Senate Bill No. 4 :

An act to authorize Commissioners to swear witnesses, and legalizing oaths heretofore administered by them ;

Which was read by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also the following :

Senate Bill No. 5 :

An act to authorize Dunlap F. Judah, of Pensacola, to take charge of and control his own estate ;

Which was read by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion, the Senate went into Executive Session at 11 o'clock.

At 11:30 the doors were opened, and, upon motion of Mr. Mallory, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, January 8, 1881.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names :

Mr. President, Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Crawford, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Lykes, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—27.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Polhill, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Polhill offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of two to act with the committee appointed by the Assembly to examine the books of the Comptroller and Treasurer and employ such clerical aid as may be needed.

On motion of Mr. Bryson, the rules were waived.

Mr. Crawford offered to amend the resolution by striking out that part that authorizes the employment of clerical aid.

Mr. Speer offered the following resolution as a substitute :

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That a committee of five, two from the Senate and three from the Assembly, to be appointed respectively by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the Assembly, to examine into and report upon the condition of the offices of State Treasurer and Comptroller ;

Which was adopted, and the President appointed Messrs. Speer and Duncan as such committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Judge offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Taxation be requested to take into consideration the propriety of creating a license tax on commercial travellers, or that class of dealers more familiarly known as "Drummers ;"

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The following bills were then introduced :

By Mr. McKinne :

Senate Bill No. 6.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend chapter 1986 of the

Laws of Florida, being an act entitled An act to amend section three, chapter eight of an act to provide for the punishment of crime and proceedings in criminal cases, approved February 3, 1874;

Which was read by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. McKay:
Senate Bill No. 7.

A bill to be entitled An act to extend further privileges to the Tampa Peace Creek and St. Johns R. R. Company;

Which was read by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Crill:
Senate Bill No. 8.

An act to amend sections four and six of an act to repeal an act to provide for the redemption of lands sold for taxes, approved March 11, 1879, and to dispose of lands sold for taxes and bought by the State or any county;

Which was read by its title and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

The Judiciary Committee made the following reports:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, January 8, 1881.

TO HON. L. W. BETHEL,

Lieutenant Governor of Florida:

SIR—Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 4, entitled An Act to Authorize Commissioners to Swear Witnesses, and Legalizing Oaths heretofore Administered by them, beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and recommend that it do pass.

S. L. NIBLACK, Chairman.

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, January 8, 1881.

TO HON. L. W. BETHEL,

Lieutenant Governor of Florida:

SIR—Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 5, entitled An Act to authorize Dunlap F. Judah, of Pensacola, to take charge of and control his Estate, beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and recommend that it do pass.

S. L. NIBLACK, Chairman.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 8, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate.

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate

that the Assembly has adopted Senate Joint Resolution as to internal improvement fund, with an amendment to strike out all of the resolution after the words "internal improvement fund." Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

The Senate concurred in the amendment, and appointed as the committee on the part of the Senate Messrs. McKinne, Mallory and Lykes.

Mr. Mallory moved that the rule be waived and Senate bill No. 4, entitled an act to authorize Commissioners to swear witnesses and legalizing oaths heretofore administered by them, be read the second time;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was read.

Senate Bill No. 4:

An act to authorize Commissioners to swear witnesses and to legalize oaths heretofore administered by them.

On motion of Mr. Mallory, the rules were waived and the bill put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crawford, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 8, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted Joint Resolution that the Senate be requested to appoint a committee to act in concert with the Assembly committee to investigate the books of the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration, and have appointed Messrs. Tippin, Newsom and Umstead.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was concurred in, and the President appointed Messrs. Robinson and Lee as such committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Mallory moved that Senate bill No. 5, entitled an act to

authorize Dudley F. Judah, of Pensacola, to take charge of and control his own estate, be passed to its second reading;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was read.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the rules be further waived and the bill be read the third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crawford, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Lykes, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—26.

Nays—Messrs. Delano and Speer—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Lykes obtained unanimous consent, and introduced the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 9:

A bill to be entitled An act to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the years 1877, 1879 and 1880;

Which was read by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Thompson:

Senate Bill No. 10:

A bill to be entitled An act requiring an educational qualification for electors to entitle them to become registered voters, in compliance with Section 7, Article 14, of the Constitution;

Which was read by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. McKinne:

Senate bill No. 11:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1 of an act entitled 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, approved March 11, 1879;

Which was read by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Sharpe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That one thousand additional copies of the Governor's Message be printed for the use of the members of the Senate and Assembly;

Which was adopted.

The Senate then went into executive session.

At 11 o'clock the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cone was excused, on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, Doorkeeper Burns was excused until Monday morning.

Mr. McKay moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday morning at 10 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Andrew Scott, Sheriff for Jackson county.

John F. White, State Attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit.

B. Haines, for Collector of Revenue for Bradford county.

J. A. Edwards, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nassau county.

W. F. Scott, Collector of Revenue for Nassau county.

MONDAY, January 10, 1881.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Crawford, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Lee, Lykes, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Wallace—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The journal was read and approved.

Mr. Crawford offered the following resolutions:

Be it *Resolved*, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That a committee of three from the Senate and five from the Assembly be appointed to visit the State Asylum and report the condition of the inmates and the management of the Asylum, and to ascertain what repairs and enlargements of buildings will be necessary for the health and comfort of the patients, and make such other recommendations as will be for the best interest of the State and good government of the Asylum.

Be it further

Resolved, That a like committee be appointed to visit the