

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 24, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL-

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 61:

To be entitled an act relating to the sale of agricultural products in this State,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. B. DELL, Chairman,

Which was read and, upon motion of Mr. McKinnon, further consideration of the bill was postponed for the present.

Mr. McKay obtained leave and introduced

Senate bill No. 69:

To be entitled an act to amend an act to grant certain lands to the Tampa, Peace Creek and St. Johns River Railroad Company;

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

Mr. Thompson obtained leave and introduced

Senate bill No. 70:

To be entitled an act to amend an act apportioning the State into Congressional Districts, approved February 18, 1874;

Which was read for the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

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

At 11:15 the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

CONFIRMATIONS.

N. C. Shackelford, to be County Judge of Escambia county

W. J. Dixon, to be County Judge of Lafayette county.

John R. Sessions, to be Sheriff of Suwannee county.

TUESDAY, January 25, 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. Allen, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Lykes, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace, Willard—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

INTRODUCTIONS OF RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Hendry:

A memorial to Congress asking an appropriation for the purpose of clearing out and making navigable the Estehatchie and Fenholloway rivers, in Lafayette and Taylor counties, Florida.

Read by its title and placed among the orders of the day.

The following resolutions were introduced:

By Mr. Sharpe:

A resolution asking for certain information from the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration;

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

By Mr. Delano:

A resolution to investigate certain railways and canals in this State;

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Mallory:

Senate bill No. 72:

To be entitled an act to amend the 4th Section of an act entitled an act concerning the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State, approved February 18, 1861;

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

By Mr. Niblack:

Senate bill No. 73:

To be entitled an act to amend the 1st Section of an act to procure the attendance of witnesses in criminal prosecutions, approved March 2, 1877;

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

By Mr. Speer :

Senate bill No. 74 :

To be entitled an act to enlarge the powers of Sheriffs and Justices of the Peace in certain cases therein named ;

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

By Mr. McKinne :

Senate bill No. 75 :

To be entitled an act to amend Article Second, Section Eleven, of an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved March 8, 1879 ;

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

By Mr. Walker :

Senate bill No. 76 :

To be entitled an act to amend Chapter 1693, (No. 9) approved February 1, 1869, entitled an act to provide for the punishment of crime and proceedings in criminal cases ;

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

CONSIDERATION OF MEMORIALS, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

By Mr. Sharpe :

Senate Resolution No. — :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration is hereby requested to furnish to this body a list of the railroad and canal companies to whom lands were granted by the Legislatures of 1877 and 1879 which have furnished satisfactory proof of having commenced work within the time limited by their charters, and that the Secretary be directed to furnish a copy of the above resolution to the Commissioner ;

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Mallory offered to amend as follows :

After the word " charters," in seventh line, insert " and otherwise complied with the requirements of the law ;"

Which was accepted and adopted.

Memorial to Congress asking an appropriation for clearing out and making navigable the Estein hatchie and Fenholloway rivers in Lafayette and Taylor counties, Florida.

The people of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their utmost endeavor to obtain an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of clearing out and making navigable the Estein hatchie and Fenholloway rivers, in the

counties of Lafayette and Taylor, in the State of Florida, at as early a day as possible.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of State be requested to forward copies of this memorial to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Hendry moved that the rules be waived and the memorial read the third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Lykes, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace Willard—27.

Nays—None.

So the memorial passed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following resolution was next considered :

WHEREAS, The development of this State is dependent to a large degree upon a complete and thorough railway system ; *and, whereas*, the lands donated to the State by the general government were designed and should be used for the development of all parts of the State ; *and, whereas*, charters have been frequently granted to impecunious adventurers whose sole object in obtaining said grants and charters was for the purpose of speculating on the franchise of the same ; therefore be it

Resolved, That a Joint Committee of three from the Senate and five from the Assembly be appointed to make an immediate investigation and report at the earliest day possible the condition and standing of the various railway and canal companies of this State, the extent to which they have complied with their charters ; and be it further

Resolved, That this committee be instructed to report upon the feasibility or practicability of obtaining a general railway system to the end that each section of this State shall receive the benefits of a just and fair proportion of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Resolved, That said committee shall have full power and authority to send for persons and papers and to take the testimony of witnesses under oath, and to employ clerical aid if needed.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the rules be waived, and that the resolution, as amended, be adopted ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Delano moved that the resolution be laid upon the table,

to be taken up when a similar resolution comes in from the Assembly:

Which was agreed to.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 25, 1881. }

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

Lieutenant-Governor:

SIR—I have the honor to state, for the information of the Senate, that I have accepted the resignation of Hon. John L. Crawford, Senator from the Seventh Senatorial District.

Very respectfully,
W. D. BLOXHAM, Governor.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. McKinne, the place of Mr. Crawford on the Committee on Privileges and Elections was filled by Mr. Walker.

On motion of Mr. Delano, Mr. Sharpe was placed in Mr. Crawford's place on Committee on Agriculture.

The President placed in Mr. Crawford's place on Finance and Taxation, Mr. Walker; on State Affairs, Mr. Crill; on Legislative Expenses, Mr. Delano.

The following message from the Assembly was received:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly bill No. 63, to be entitled an act to authorize Irvin Johns to erect a mill-dam across Sampson creek, and to back water on certain swamp and overflowed lands.

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, January 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly bill No. 36, to be entitled an act to authorize the Circuit Courts of this State to convict and sentence criminals in certain cases; 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, January 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly bill No. 31, to be entitled an act for the relief of Daniel Morrison, Jr., 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, January 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly bill No. 50, to be entitled an act to define the boundary line between the counties of Leon and Jefferson, in this State, 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, January 24, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly bill No. 26, to be entitled an act for the relief of Eli C. Horn and others,

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. Mallory obtained leave to introduce Senate bill No. 77, To be entitled an act to repeal and dissolve municipal corporations in certain cases ;

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

Also,
Senate bill No. 78:
To be entitled an act to incorporate cities and towns, the charters of which may have been dissolved under the operation of an act to repeal and dissolve corporations in certain cases ;

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. McKay, of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, offered the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 25, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,
President of the Senate :

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—
Senate bill No. 35, to be entitled an act to amend Section 2 of an act entitled an act for the protection of ports, harbors, bays and rivers of this State, and to repeal Chapter 1900 of the Laws of Florida,

Respectfully beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that the accompanying substitute for Senate bill No. 35 be adopted in lieu of said bill.

Very respectfully,
JAMES MCKAY,
Chairman Committee Commerce and Navigation.

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

Mr. Niblack, of the Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, January 25, 1881.

TO HON. L. W. BETHEL,
President of the Senate :

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—
Senate bill No. 56, to be entitled an act for the relief of E. J. Vann, Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,
S. L. NIBLACK,
Chairman of Judiciary Committee.

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

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 25, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,
President of the Senate :

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—
Senate bill No. 53, entitled an act relating to the intermarriage of white persons with persons of color, respectfully beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that it pass with the following amendments, to-wit :

In the 4th line of section 1 strike out the word "them" and insert the word "her" in lieu thereof. In the 8th line of section 1 strike out the word "them" and insert the word "him" in lieu thereof. In the 3d line of section 2, after the word "shall," insert the words "knowingly and wilfully." In the 4th line of section 3, after the word "shall," insert the words "knowingly and wilfully," and add the following as section 4: "All laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed."

Respectfully submitted,
S. L. NIBLACK,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 25, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,
President of the Senate :

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—
Senate bill No. 57, to be entitled an act for the relief of John McDougall,

Respectfully beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 25, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 60, to be entitled an act to amend Section 7 of an act entitled an act to amend the 2d, 29th, 35th, 36th, 58th and 68th Sections of an act relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace and judgments of Justices' Courts, approved February 27, 1875, being Chapter 2095, approved February 10, 1877,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

The Committee on Printing made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 25, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Printing having been instructed to enquire into the matter of the printing of the Governor's message and accompanying documents would respectfully report—

That the message, with all the reports of heads of departments, except those of the Secretary of State and Adjutant General, are printed and being delivered. The reports of the latter officers are being printed, as your committee is informed by the State Printer, and will be delivered at an early day.

Respectfully, etc.,

GEORGE C. POWERS,
Chairman.

Which was read as received.

Mr. Powers, of the Committee on Printing, moved that the Senate consider the following report offered on the 22d inst.:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Printing hereby report that they have received the following proposition from the State Printer for the printing of the journals, &c., of the Senate for the present session, to wit:

TALLAHASSEE, January 8, 1881.

To HON. MR. POWERS,

Chairman Committee on Public Printing, Senate:

SIR—I propose to do the printing for the Senate at the following rates:

For five hundred copies of the daily journal, one hundred copies to be laid upon the desks of Senators each morning, one-half cent for each one hundred words per copy for the first one hundred copies, and one-eighth of a cent for each one hundred words per copy for the next four hundred copies. This proposal to include all miscellaneous printing, such as bills, messages, reports, etc., etc., whether in pamphlet form or otherwise ordered.

For three hundred copies of the Senate journal in book form, to be stitched and delivered after the adjournment of the Legislature, at the rate of eighty-five cents per page, counting one copy. For five hundred copies of same, at the rate of one dollar and ten cents per page, counting one copy.

Very respectfully,

C. A. FINLEY,
State Printer.

Which is submitted, and its acceptance respectfully recommended.

GEORGE C. POWERS, Chairman.
H. W. CHANDLER.
A. J. POLHILL.
S. R. MALLORY.

Which was read and agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the Senate accept the proposition to receive 300 copies of the journal as proposed by the State Printer;

Which was agreed to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Assembly bill No. 31:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Daniel Morrison, Jr.,

Was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the rules were waived and the bill read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Dell, Duncan, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McKay, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace and Willard—24.

Nays—None

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 26:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Ely C. Horn and others,

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

Substitute for Assembly bill No. 36,

To be entitled an act to authorize the Circuit Courts of this State to convict and sentence criminals in certain cases;

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

Assembly bill No. 50:

To be entitled an act to define the boundary line between the counties of Leon and Jefferson in this State;

Which was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Boundaries.

Assembly bill No. 63:

To be entitled an act to authorize Irvin Johns to erect a mill-dam across Sampson River creek, and to back water on certain swamp and overflowed lands;

Which was read for the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 61:

To be entitled an act relating to the sale of certain agricultural products in this State, was read the second time.

Mr. Wallace moved that further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. McKinne moved that the motion to postpone be laid upon the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wallace gave notice that on to-morrow he would move

to reconsider the vote by which the motion to indefinitely postpone was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. McKay, further consideration of the bill was postponed until Monday the 31st inst.

Substitute for Senate bills Nos. 23 and 30, an act to establish a Bureau of Immigration for the State of Florida, and to promote the rapid settlement of the State Lands, and to repeal an act entitled an act to establish a Bureau of Immigration for the State of Florida, and to promote the rapid settlement of State lands, approved March 7, 1879,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Niblack moved that the bill be placed back on its first reading, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, with instructions to said committee, that they consider the practicability of establishing a Bureau of Agriculture and Immigration, and report by bill or otherwise to the Senate.

Which was agreed to and the bill was so referred.

Mr. Lykes obtained leave and offered the following memorial:

WHEREAS, The United States are indebted to the State of Florida in a large sum of money for expenses incurred and paid by said State for the suppression of Indian hostilities in said State during the years 1855, 1856 and 1857, which debt the United States have acknowledged by assuming the services of the State troops as for the United States; and whereas, the State bonds are held by the United States to the amount of one hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars, with large arrearages of interest due thereon; and whereas, an adjustment and settlement of these respective claims is of great importance to the State; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That our Representatives in Congress be requested and urged to use every effort to have passed by the House of Representatives the resolution looking to a settlement of the State's claim, which resolution is now pending before that body.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolution be forwarded as early as practicable to our Representatives in Congress;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Mallory moved that the rules be waived and the memorial read the second time;

Which was agreed to, and it was so read.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the rules were further waived and the memorial was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

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

Nays—None.

So the memorial passed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 3,

A bill entitled an act to amend the eighteenth section of sub-chapter 4 of an act to provide for the punishment of crime, and proceedings in criminal cases, approved August 6, 1868, Chapter 1,637 of the Laws of the State of Florida, and to repeal an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the punishment of crime, and proceedings in criminal cases, approved February 1, 1869, being Chapter 1,699 of the Laws of the State of Florida,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. McKinne, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow, and made the special order of the day at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. McKinne, Mr. McClellan was excused until to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 21,

An act for the relief of A. Moseley, Sheriff of Leon county,
Was read.

Mr. McKinne moved that the further consideration of said bill be postponed until to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 57,

To be entitled an act for the relief of John McDougall,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Mallory, the further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Senate bill No. 53.

To be entitled an act relating to the intermarriage of white persons with persons of color,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Niblack moved to adopt the amendments recommended by the Committee;

Which was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 60:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 7 of an act entitled an act to amend the 2d, 29th, 35th, 36th, 58th and 68th Sections of an act relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace and judgments of Justices' Courts, approved February 27, 1875, being Chapter 2095, approved February 10, 1877.

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Delano moved that the Senate take a recess until four o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate took a recess.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the Chair.

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

Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Lykes, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace and Willard—26.

A quorum present.

Mr. Mallory obtained permission to introduce the following petition:

*To the Honorable Senate and Assembly
of the State of Florida:*

The undersigned, citizens of the city of Pensacola, Florida, respectfully represent to your honorable bodies that the city of Pensacola is laboring under a heavy bonded debt. No portion of the interest upon the same has been paid for many years, and that, though no city improvements are made, and little attention given to its sanitary condition, that the floating debt of the city is being annually increased at an alarming rate, the scrip of the city being depreciated at the present time to 10 to 15 cents on the dollar. This condition of things has existed for many years, and your petitioners being convinced that under the municipal charter, as it now is, that there is no hope of improvement, they respectfully request that the act to provide for the incorporation of cities and towns, approved 4th February, 1869, be repealed, so far as cities and towns have been incorporated under it whose indebtedness exceeds two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, (\$250,000), the interest upon which indebtedness the municipal authorities have failed to pay for more than five years. And that all such cities and towns be governed by a commission, to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, as other officers are appointed, and with power to levy and collect taxes and compromise and pay outstanding debts and current ex-

penses and all other powers necessary for good government of such cities and towns. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.,

D. F. SULLIVAN, and Others.

PENSACOLA, January 4, 1881.

Which was read and ordered to be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill No. 56:

To be entitled an act for the relief of E. J. Vann, Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit,

Was read the second time.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

Substitute for Senate bill No. 35:

Entitled an act to amend Section 2 of an act entitled an act for the protection of ports, harbors, bays and rivers of this State and to repeal Chapter 1,900 of the Laws of Florida,

Was read the second time and ordered engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 47, to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 3,147 of the the acts of 1879, approved March 11, 1879, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully recommend that it pass with the following amendments:

In Section 5—that the first five lines be stricken out, and be made to read as follows: That the Sheriffs of the several counties of this State be and are hereby appointed special agents, who shall be known as Fish Baliffs, who shall have power to appoint a deputy or deputies. In Section 6, commencing in sixth line after the word "acts," strike out the words "one-half of the fine to be paid to the informer and the other half into the Treasury of the county."

Respectfully,

W. J. JONES,
Chairman.

Which was read, and, upon motion, the accompanying bill was read the second time.

Senate bill No. 47,

To be entitled an act to amend chapter 3147 of the Acts of

1879, entitled an act to protect the foed fishes of this State, and to regulate fisheries, approved March 11, 1879,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Walker offered the following amendment:

Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting in any manner the right of fishermen running fisheries on the Gulf coast for the capture of mullet or pompano from using any seine they may see proper.

On motion of Mr. Mallory, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until Tuesday next.

Mr. Crill obtained leave and introduced the following bills:

Senate bill No. 79,

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake George Cemetery Association;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill No. 80:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake George Fruit-Growers' and Library Association;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Sharpe moved that the Committees of Agriculture and Immigration act as a Joint Committee in the consideration of the question of consolidating the two Bureaus;

Which was adopted.

The Senate then went into Executive Session at 4:50 o'clock.

The doors were opened at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Thompson obtained leave and made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 25, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee on Corporatons to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 66, to be entitled an act to legalize the town government of Orlando, Florida,

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it pass.

Very respectfully,

W. N. THOMPSON,
Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Thompson moved that the rule be waived and the accompanying bill read the second time;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinne moved that the rule be further waived and the bill read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hendry, Judge, Lee, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace and Willard—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Thompson moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 26, 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. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Lee, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Wallace and Willard—23.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. McKinne moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, MEMORIALS, &c.

By Mr. Sharpe:

Resolved, That 150 copies of the Special and Joint Committees be printed for the use of the Senate and Assembly;

Which was adopted.

By Mr. Powers:

Senate joint resolution No. —:

Relating to the sale of public lands;
Which was read and placed among the orders of the day.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. McKinnon:

Senate bill No. 81:

To be entitled an act for the relief of W. J. McDonald, of Holmes county;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Willard:

Senate bill No. 82:

To be entitled an act to amend an act for the collection of revenue, approved March 7, 1879;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Sharpe:

Senate bill No. 83:

To be entitled an act to constitute the County Commissioners of the several counties of this State the Board of Public Instruction for said counties;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Senate Joint Resolution in relation to the sale of the State lands:

WHEREAS, It is the duty of the Legislative power of the State, by all the legitimate means and measures coming within the scope of its powers, to encourage immigration and the settlement and cultivation of the public lands, thereby promoting a healthy development of the best interests of the State, increasing the revenue, and furthering one of the great aims and purposes contemplated by the act of 1855, commonly known as the Internal Improvement act; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the following recommendations are made to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

First. The terms of entry of lands, such entry not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres, should be so fixed as to allow any person or persons who intend in good faith to enter for agricultural purposes or the cultivation of fruits, any of the lands held by said Trustees, to make payment therefor in three installments; that is to say, one-third of the purchase-money in cash upon entry, one-third in two years, and the remaining third in three years, after the date of entry.