

tions 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 third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was;

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker and Willard—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Speer, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 27, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 81, to be entitled an act for the relief of W. J. McDonald, of Holmes county,

Beg leave to report that they have had the bill under consideration and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

J. G. SPEER, Chairman.

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

Senate bill No. 81:

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

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Speer, Thompson, Walker Wallace and Willard—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Judge obtained leave and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Taxation be instructed to consider the propriety of requiring a License

Tax of not less than fifty dollars from all dealers in pistols, bowie-knives or dirk-knives, whether their principal stock or not, and to report by bill or otherwise;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The President announced that he was about to sign the following acts:

An act to give concurrent jurisdiction to the Courts of Walton and Washington counties over the waters of the Choctowhatchie bay. Also,

An act for the benefit of sheep raisers, and for protection of sheep and other stock raisers against dogs. Also,

Joint resolution relative to the opening of the Suwannee river.

The Senate went into Executive session at 11:55.

The doors were opened at 12:5.

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

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was adjourned.

CONFIRMATIONS.

James M. Baker, Judge Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Geo. A. Patton, Collector of Revenue for Franklin county.

Joseph A. Atkins, Clerk Circuit Court for Franklin county.

John Fisher, Ed. J. Rancey, Patrick Nedley, Commissioners of Pilotage, Franklin county.

Wm. A. Giles, County Judge, Wakulla county.

W. C. Bird, Clerk Circuit Court, Jefferson county.

J. B. Christie, County Judge, Jefferson county.

T. B. Simpkins, Sheriff, Jefferson county.

FRIDAY, January 28, 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, Mallory, McClellan, Mc-Kay, Mc-

Kinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Thompson and Wallace—22.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

On motion of Mr. Crill, Mr. Walker was excused until Monday.

On motion of Mr. McKay, Mr. Willard was excused until Monday.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, MEMORIALS, ETC.

Mr. Thompson introduced the following petition :

Petition of W. W. McCully, J. E. Davis, J. Mizell, R. G. Scipio, Wm. C. Davis, and one hundred and twenty others, citizens of Nassau county, asking that the retail liquor license be increased from \$150 to \$10,000 per annum ;

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

Mr. McKinne offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That this Legislature do adjourn *sine die* on the 15th day of February, 1881, and that no new business be introduced, without unanimous consent, in either House after the 13th day of February next ;

Which was read.

Mr. Mallory offered to amend as follows :

Strike out the word "fifteenth" and substitute the word "nineteenth" in lieu thereof ;

Which was accepted.

Mr. Judge moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The ayes and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Crill, Delano, Hatcher, Judge, McKay, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Wallace—14.

Nays—Messrs. Dell, Duncan, Hendry, Mallory, McClellan, McKinne and McKinnon—7.

So the motion to lay upon the table prevailed.

Mr. Hatcher offered the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the Assembly concurring : That the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration of the State of Florida be, and he is hereby empowered and authorized to employ one additional clerk in his office for the purpose of drawing up a complete set of township maps, showing all the State lands of each county, which have been en-

tered up to the date of the drawing and compiling of said maps, designating the party entering the same.

Resolved, 2d, That the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration shall forward to each of the Clerks of the Circuit Court of this State a set of said township maps, to be kept in their offices, as is provided in Chapter 110 of the Laws of Florida ;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced :

By Mr. McKinne :

Senate bill No. 90 :

To be entitled an act to enlarge the equity jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida ;

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

By Mr. McKinnon :

Senate bill No. 91 :

To be entitled an act to compel distillers to pay a license ;

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

Mr. Mallory obtained leave and offered the following additional petition :

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

The undersigned, citizens of the city of Pensacola, Florida, respectfully represent to your honorable bodies that this city is laboring under a heavy bonded debt, no part of the interest of which has been paid for many years ; and that, though no city improvements are made, and little attention given to its sanitary condition, 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 exists, 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 (5) 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 indebtedness and current expenses, and all other powers necessary for the good government of all such cities and towns.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.,

GEO. W. WRIGHT, and others.

Pensacola, January 9, 1881.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Corporatisons made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 28, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred—

Assembly bill No. 87, to be entitled an act to authorize C. G. McKinney to erect a dam and toll bridge across the Santa-fee river; also,

Senate bill No. 80, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake George Fruit-Growers' and Library Association; also,

Senate bill No. 79, an act to incorporate the Lake George Cemetery Association; also,

Assembly bill No. 48, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, approved February 10, 1838,

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

Very respectfully,

W. N. THOMPSON,
Chairman.

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

The Committee on Claims offered the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 28, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 86, for the relief of Brevard county and for other purposes,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully,

J. G. SPEER,
Chairman.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 28, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your committee to whom was referred—

House bill No. 27, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Charles Gwynn, James Elwood, Joseph Acosta and John Smith, of Monroe county,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully,

J. G. SPEER,
Chairman.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, January 28, 1881.

To HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 73, to be entitled an act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act to procure the attendance of witnesses in criminal prosecutions, approved March 2, 1877; also,

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,

Respectfully beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

The Committee on State Boundaries made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 28, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

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

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

Very respectfully,

H. HATCHER,

Chairman Committee on State Boundaries.

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills offered the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 28, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they have examined and found correctly enrolled—

Assembly bill No. 31, an act for the relief of Daniel Morrison, Jr.; also,

Senate bill No. 2, an act to encourage the planting of oysters in the waters of this State, and to protect the rights of owners thereof; also,

Senate bill No. 43, an act to empower the Governor, Treasurer and Comptroller to borrow money for State purposes; also,

Senate bill No. 44, an act for the relief of Walter Gwynn, Treasurer, and others; also,

Senate memorial to Congress asking an appropriation for the building of a canal between Mosquito and Indian rivers in Brevard county, in this State; also,

Senate memorial relating to the introduction of certain fish in the waters of this State.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER,

Chairman Senate Committee.

H. L. GRADY,

Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. McKinne, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 28, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred—

The case of Edward I. Alexander, Contestant, vs. Theodore H. Willard, Contestee, from the Tenth Senatorial District of Florida, beg leave to make the following report:

That your committee have had the above case under careful consideration, and find that the notice was defective, and the facts and evidence before them were insufficient to unseat Mr. Willard; therefore, we respectfully recommend that the said Theodore H. Willard be retained in his seat as Senator from the Tenth Senatorial District of Florida.

Very respectfully,

JOHN H. MCKINNE, Chairman.

J. C. WALKER,

WM. H. SHARPE,

J. B. DELL.

Which was read.

Mr. Chandler, of the same Committee, offered the following minority report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 28, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The following minority report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, in the case of Alexander, contestant, versus Willard, contestee, Tenth Senatorial District of Florida, is respectfully submitted:

The evidence before your Committee was entirely documentary. That evidence showed clearly the number of votes cast at each and every voting place in the Tenth Senatorial District, including the votes cast at polling place Number 2, Madison election district Number 1, and the votes cast at Cerry Lake, election district Number 7, which were rejected by the County Canvassing Board of Madison county, comprising said Senatorial District.

The evidence further shows that the whole number of votes cast for State Senator in the said Tenth District, including the votes cast at polling place Number 2, Madison election district Number 1, and the votes cast at Cherry Lake, election district Number 7, was 2,869; of which Theodore H. Willard received 1,372 votes, and Edward I. Alexander received 1,485.

The evidence further shows that the Canvassing Board of

said Tenth Senatorial District rejected, without authority of law, the votes cast at polling place Number 2, Madison election district No. 1, amounting to 535, of which 232 were cast for contestee, Williard, and 303 were cast for contestant, Alexander. That said Canvassing Board rejected without authority of law the votes cast at Cherry Lake, election district Number 7, amounting to 258, of which 86 were cast for the contestee, Williard, and 172 were cast for contestant, Alexander. The total votes rejected by said Canvassing Board at the two election districts aforesaid was 793, of which 318 were cast for the contestee, Williard, and 475 were cast for the contestant, Alexander.

The rejecting of the votes of the election districts aforesaid by said Senatorial Canvassing Board, without authority of law, changed the result of the election for Senator in said Senatorial District, changing a majority of 113 for contestant, Alexander, into a majority of 44 for contestee, Willard.

The evidence further shows that the State Canvassing Board were induced to give the certificate of election to contestee, Willard, by the unlawful return made by the said Senatorial Canvassing Board by rejecting, without authority of law, the returns from the aforesaid two election districts.

The counting of all the votes in said Senatorial District according to law shows that Edward I. Alexander, contestant, was lawfully elected Senator from the Senatorial District aforesaid, and that Theodore H. Willard, contestee, was not elected to said office in said Senatorial District.

The adoption of the following resolution is therefore recommended:

Resolved, That Edward I. Alexander, contestant, is, and that Theodore H. Willard is not, entitled to a seat in this Senate from the Tenth Senatorial District of Florida.

(Signed)

H. W. CHANDLER.

Which was read.

Mr. Chandler moved that the further consideration of the reports of the Committee on Privileges and Elections be postponed until Monday next;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Chandler moved that the minority report be adopted.

Mr. McKinne moved as a substitute that the majority report be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the majority report was declared adopted.

ILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 87:

To be entitled an act to authorize and empower C. G. Mc-

Kinney to erect a dam and toll bridge across the Santa Fe river,

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

Senate bill No. 80:

An act to incorporate the Lake George Fruit Growers and Library Association,

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

Senate bill No. 79:

An act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake George Cemetery Association,

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

Assembly bill No. 48,

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, approved February 10, 1838,

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Mallory, McLellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Wallace—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No 86:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Brevard county and for other purposes,

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 27:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Charles Gwynn, James Elwood, Joseph Acosta and John Smith, of Monroe county,

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hen-

dry, Judge, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, and Thompson—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 50 :

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

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer and Thompson—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 73 :

To be entitled an act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act to procure the attendance of witnesses in criminal prosecutions, approved March 2, 1877,

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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 8, A. D. 1861,

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Wallace—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Substitute for 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,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer and Thompson—17.

Nays—None

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Polhill obtained leave and introduced Senate bill No.

92 :

To be entitled an act for the adoption of a child ;

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

The following message from the Assembly was received :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 27, 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. 46, to be entitled an act to prevent the selling, hiring, bartering, lending or giving to minors under 16 years of age, or to persons of unsound mind, certain fire arms or other dangerous weapons ; also,

Adopted Assembly memorial No. 23, for an appropriation from Congress to clear out and make navigable Peace creek, in South Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and Assembly bill No. 46 was referred to the Judiciary Committee and Assembly memorial No. 23 was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 28, 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—

Senate memorial relating to Indian war claims ; also,
Senate memorial relative to re-building of light house at East Pass of Apalachicola Bay.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the accompanying memorial and resolution ordered enrolled.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 28, 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. 15, to be entitled an act for the relief of Frederick N. Foy, Tax Collector of Marion county, Florida.

Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the accompanying bill referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 27, 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—

Senate bill No. 9, to be entitled an act to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the years 1877, 1879 and 1880 ; also,

Senate bill No. 58, to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of an act entitled an act in relation to certain State bonds, approved March 7, 1879.

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, January 27, 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. 52, to be entitled to incorporate the Orange Ridge, DeLand and Atlantic Railroad Company, in this State.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the accompanying bill referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 27, 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. 52, to be entitled an act to prevent wanton injury to animals ; also adopted

Assembly memorial No. 22, asking an appropriation from Congress to improve the navigation of Ocklockonee river and other streams.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill referred to the Judiciary Committee, and the memorial referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Jan. 27, 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. 23, to be entitled an act to grant to A. M.

McMillan the right to clear out and improve the Big Pine Barren creek, in Escambia county, Florida,

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the accompanying bill referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

On motion, the Senate went into Executive Session at 12.30. At 1 o'clock the doors were opened.

Mr. Dell moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Robert Bullock, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court for Marion county.

S. F. Marshall, to be County Judge for Marion county.

Anson B. Crutchfield, to be Sheriff for Marion county.

SATURDAY, January 29, 1881.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer and Thompson—21.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

Mr. Delano offered the following resolution:

Resolution relative to procuring government engineers to establish a system of trunk railway lines for the State.

Mr. Delano moved that the rules be waived and that the resolution be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Delano moved that the rules be waived and the resolution be read the second and third times and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution was so read as follows:

WHEREAS, It being for the best interests of this State that the public lands donated by the general government for internal improvements should be equally and impartially distributed in such manner that all portions of the State shall be benefitted thereby; and, *whereas*, the present railway system has proved inoperative for the general good and welfare of the State, as instanced by the many frauds that have been practiced and will continue to be perpetrated so long as said system exists: therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That a committee of five from the Senate and seven from the Assembly be appointed to report upon the advisability and the proper method of obtaining the services of a corps of skilled engineers from the general government to locate and establish a system of Trunk Lines of railway, to the end that the Internal Improvement Fund shall be so applied as to render the greatest benefit possible to all portions of the State.

The question was upon the passage of the resolution.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cone, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge McClellan, McKinnen, Powers, Sharpe, Speer and Wallace—13.

Nays—Messrs. Mallory, McKay, McKinne, Robinson and Willard—5.

So the resolution passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Delano:

Senate bill No. 93:

To provide for an annual census of the material resources of this State;

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Judiciary Committee offered the following report: