

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:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 29, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—The Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—
Assembly bill, No. 78, an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter
2,093 of the Laws of Florida; also,

Assembly bill No 60, an act to authorize Hiram Wilson, a
minor of Columbia county, to take charge of and control his
estate; also,

Assembly bill No. 52, an act to prevent wanton injury of
animals: also,

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

Assembly bill No. 46, and act to prevent the selling, [hiring,
bartering, lending or giving to minors under sixteen years of
age, or to persons of unsound mind, certain fire arms or other
dangerous weapons,

Have had the same under consideration 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.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 29, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 84, entitled an act to amend Sections 20 and
21 of Chapter 71, Laws of Florida,

Respectfully beg leave to report that they have considered
the same, and recommend that it do pass, with the following
amendments thereto, to wit:

In the third line of the proviso to Section 1, after the word
"merchandise," insert the words "or other property not easily
moveable."

In the fourth line of the same proviso strike out the word
"specifying" and insert "and may specify" in lieu thereof.

In the eighth line of the same proviso strike out the word
"and."

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 29, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—
Senate bill No. 15, an act to amend Article 2 of Section
11 of an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, ap-
proved March 8, 1879,

Have considered the same, and recommend that it be referred
to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bill, upon motion of
Mr. Thompson, was referred to the Committee on Finance and
Taxation, as recommended by the Committee.

Mr. Judge, of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the
following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 29, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

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

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

Senate bill No. 87, to be entitled an act to authorize and em-
power C. G. McKinney to erect a dam and toll-bridge across
the Santa Fee river,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and
find them to be correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

WM. JUDGE,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Assembly bill No. 46:

To be entitled an act to prevent the selling, hiring, bartering, lending or giving to minors under sixteen years of age, or to persons of unsound mind, certain fire-arms or other dangerous weapons,

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer and Thompson—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Substitute for Assembly No. 36:

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

Was read the second time and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill No. 52,

To be entitled an act to prevent wanton injury of animals,

Was read the second time and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill No. 60,

To be entitled an act to authorize Hiram Wilson, a minor, of Columbia county, to take charge of and control his estate,

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to.

The vote was:

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

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 78:

To be entitled an act to amend section 1 of Chapter 2093, Laws of Florida,

Was read the second time.

Mr. McKinne moved to amend as follows:

Strike out "\$20" and insert "\$5;"

Which was lost.

Mr. Judge 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. Allen, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Mallory, McKay, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe and Speer—19.

Nays—Messrs. McClellan and McKinne—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 84:

An act to amend Section 20 and 21 of Chapter 71 of the Laws of Florida,

Was read.

Mr. Thompson moved that the amendments recommended by the committee be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, ordered engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate bill No. 80:

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, 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 79:

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Mallory, McKay, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer and Thompson—18

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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 Fee river,

Was read the third time and put upon it passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, McKay, 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.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 29, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has refused to recede from Assembly amendment to—

Senate bill No. 25, to be entitled an act in relation to the punishment of crimes and misdemeanors,

And ask that a Committee of Conference be appointed to take into consideration the Assembly amendment to Senate bill No. 25, and have appointed Messrs. Dougherty, Cooper and Cottrell such Committee on the part of the Assembly, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the Senate granted the request of the Assembly, and the President appointed as such committee of conference Messrs. McKinnon and Polhill.

Mr. Sharpe obtained leave and introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to examine into the facts and present *status* of the compilation of the laws of this State under the act of 1879, and report to this body at an early day what action they may deem necessary or advisable in connection therewith ;

Which was read and adopted.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 29, 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. 21, to be entitled an act for the relief of William J. J. Duncan and Nehemiah Hall, of Hamilton county, Florida ; also,

Senate bill No. 31, for the relief of Thomas A. Carruth ; also,

Senate bill No. 39, to be entitled an act to admit Solon B. Turman and Harry L. Branch to practice law in the several Courts of this State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and Assembly bill No. 21 accompanying was referred to the Committee on Claims, and Senate bill No. 31 and 39 accompanying ordered enrolled.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 29, 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 Senate bill No. 17, an act concerning the county site of Calhoun county ;

Also,

Senate memorial No. 33 to Congress for an appropriation for the survey and estimates of cost of the clearing out and rendering navigable the Chipola river from the bridge at Mariana in Jackson county to the mouth of said Chipola river where it empties into the Apalachicola river.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,
Acting Chairman Senate Committee,
H. L. GRADY,
Chairman Assembly Committee.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 29, 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 memorial No. 18 to the Congress of the United States asking an appropriation for the improvement and making navigable the Lagrange Bayou in Walton county, State of Florida ; also,

Assembly memorial No. 19, a memorial to Congress asking an appropriation for clearing out and making more navigable the Choctawhatchee river in the State of Florida ; also,

Senate memorial, a memorial to our members in Congress.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,
Acting Chairman Senate Committee.
H. L. GRADY,
Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read and the bills specified in the report were this day signed by the President and Secretary.

The Senate then went into executive session, 11:25.

At 11:50 the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Judge, Mr. Hendry was excused until Tuesday morning.

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

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate adjourned.

CONFIRMATIONS.

W. H. Hutchinson, to be Sheriff for Escambia county.

F. E. De la Rua, to be Clerk of Circuit Court for Escambia county.

Stephen Trouart, to be Assessor of Taxes for Escambia county.

MONDAY, January 31, 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, Cole, Cone, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Jones, Judge, Lykes, Mallory, McClellan, McClemy, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Walker, Wallace and Willard—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

On motion of Mr. Duncan, Mr. Powers was excused on account of sickness.

INTRODUCTION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, &c.

An abstract from the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Pensacola was read and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Crill offered the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 29, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that the following acts and memorials, originating in the Senate, have this day been deposited with the Governor for his action thereon:

An act to encourage the planting of oysters in the waters of this State, and to protect the rights of owners thereof; also,
An act for the relief of Walter Gwynn, Treasurer, and others; also,

A memorial to Congress for an appropriation for the survey and estimates of cost of the cleaning out and rendering navigable the Chipola river, from the bridge at Marianna, in Jackson county, to the mouth of said Chipola river, where it empties into the Apalachicola river; also,

An act concerning the county site of Calhoun county; also,
An act to empower the Governor, Treasurer and Comptroller to borrow money for State purposes; also,

A memorial relating to the introduction of certain fish into the waters of the State; also,

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

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,
Acting Chairman.

Which was read.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 29, 1881. }

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I have this day signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State the following acts and memorials originating in the Senate, to-wit: