

THURSDAY, February 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. Allen, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, McClenny, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker and Willard—27.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Upon motion of Mr. Dell, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Mr. McKay moved that 200 copies of Senate bill No. 147, to be entitled an act to amend sections 5 and 30 of an act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvements in this State, approved January 6, A. D., 1855, be printed for the use of the Senate and Assembly;

Which was agreed to, and it was so ordered.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Cone:

Senate bill No. 150:

To be entitled an act to promote immigration to the State of Florida;

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

By Mr. Niblack:

Senate bill No 151:

To be entitled an act authorizing and requiring the Comptroller to audit and allow the account of John C. Henry, deceased, late Sheriff of Columbia county, in settlement of account on the Comptroller's books;

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

By Mr. Walker:

Senate bill No. 152:

To be entitled an act in relation to the contingent expenses of the Circuit Courts;

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

By Mr. Jones:

Senate bill No. 153:

To be entitled an act for the relief of James S. Turner, of Levy county, Florida;

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

By Mr. Delano:

Senate bill No. 154:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Palatka and Indian River Railway Company, and to grant certain lands to the same;

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

Mr. Lee obtained leave and presented the following petition for a Local Option Liquor Law:

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

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, residents of the City of Jacksonville, Duval county, Florida, respectfully petition your honorable bodies, to pass what is termed and commonly known as a Local Option Law, whereby any city or town or county in this State, may by a majority of votes cast in favor thereof, prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within its limits, and to provide by statute the mode and manner of carrying such Local Option Law into effect.

REV. T. W. MOORE, and others.

Which was read.

Also the following:

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

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, residents of the city of Jacksonville, Duval county, Fla., respectfully petition your honorable bodies to pass what is termed and commonly known as a "local option law" liquor law, whereby any city or town or county in this State may, by a majority of votes cast in favor thereof, prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within its limits, and to provide by statute the mode and manner of carrying such local option law into effect.

REV. WM. H. SIMPSON, JR., and others.

Which was also read, and both petitions ordered spread upon the journal.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 10, 1881.

HON L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 149, to be entitled an act to authorize Wm. T. Jackson to construct a boom in the Suwannee river,
 Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,
 JAMES MCKAY, Chairman.

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

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 10, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 144, to be entitled an act to legalize the town government of the town of Quincy, Florida,

Have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,
 W. N. THOMPSON,
 Chairman.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 108,

To be entitled an act to give to the legal voters of certain voting precincts the option of determining whether the sale therein of intoxicating liquors shall be licensed,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, McKay, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker—18.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Willard—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Powers moved that Senate bill No. 108, together with the vote thereon, be spread upon the journals.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the vote by which Senate bill No. 105 was passed on yesterday be reconsidered and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table;

Which was not agreed to.

The question was then upon the reconsideration of the vote. The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Cole, Cone, Delano, Dell, Jones, Judge, McClenny, McKay, McKinne, Powers, Sharpe, Walker and Wallace—14.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Crill, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Lee, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Speer, Thompson and Willard—14.

There being a tie the President cast the deciding vote nay. So the motion to reconsider was lost.

Mr. Dell, of the Committee on Agriculture and Immigration, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 10, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Agriculture and Immigration, to whom was referred—

Sundry bills relating to agriculture and immigration have had the same under careful consideration and beg leave to make the following report:

That in the opinion of a majority of said joint committee it is not advisable to consolidate the two Bureaus, and respectfully recommend that the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to prepare a bill upon that subject, and that the substitute for Bills Nos. 23 and 30 returned to the Committee on Immigration.

Very respectfully,

J. B. DELL, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. McKinne obtained leave and introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is impossible to ascertain from the report of the Commissioner of Lands or from the report of the Internal Improvement Board the present *status* of the incumbrances upon the fund, the amounts due or who controls the same; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That Hugh A. Corley, Commissioner of Lands, be requested to go to Jacksonville immediately and ascertain from Judge Doggett the amount of the Vose Claims and all other information that he may deem necessary in the matter.

Which was read.

Mr. McKinne moved that the rules be waived and the reso-

lution be read a second and third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to, and the rules were so waived.

The vote was:

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

Nays—None.

So the resolution was passed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. McKay obtained leave and offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That a committee of one from the Senate and two from the Assembly be appointed to accompany Hugh A. Corley for the purpose of obtaining certain information from Judge Doggett in regard to the incumbrance of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Which was read.

Mr. Thompson moved that the rules be waived and the resolution be read a second time;

Which was agreed to and the bill was so read.

Mr. McKay moved that the rules be further waived and the resolution be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Lee, McClenny, McKay, Polhill, Robinson, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—16.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Delano, Dell, McKinnon, Niblack, Powers, Sharpe, Speer and Walker—9.

So the resolution passed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Thompson obtained leave and presented the following petition:

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed by the Florida Fruit-Growers' Association at its annual meeting, held in Jacksonville on January 26th, to memorialize your honorable body regarding the establishment of an "experimental farm and garden, and for other purposes," most respectfully request that you will be pleased to rescind a resolution passed at a previous session of the Legislature to transfer the Agricultural College Fund from the Trustees of the Agricultural College to the Common School Fund of the State.

And likewise recommend that the Trustees of the Agricultu-

ral College Fund take steps to establish an experimental farm and garden as early as practicable, as a preliminary and necessary step to the organization of an agricultural college.

Trusting that the prayer of the Florida Fruit-Growers' Association will be granted, we will ever pray, etc.,

J. E. HART,
G. W. DAVIS,
C. CODRINGTON,
D. H. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

Which was read, ordered spread upon the journal and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Walker, of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 10, 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. 66, to be entitled an act to legalize the town government of Orlando, Florida; also,

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

Senate bill No. 60, to be entitled an act to amend section 7 of an act entitled an act to amend the second, twenty-ninth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, fifty-eighth and sixty-eighth 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; also,

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

Senate bill No. 72, to be entitled an act to amend the fourth section of an act entitled an act concerning the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State, approved February 8th, 1861; also,

Senate bill No. 37, to be entitled an act to enable a married woman to dispose of her separate property by last will and testament; also,

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

Senate bill No. 16, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Walton Co-operative Association of Patrons of Husbandry, in Walton county, Florida; also,

Memorial to Congress asking an appropriation to remove

obstructions to navigation inland between Matanzas and Smyrna inlets, on the Florida coast; also,

Senate memorial to Congress asking for the extension of the mail route from Cedar Keys to New Troy to Ellaville above New Troy; also,

Senate memorial to Congress asking for the re-establishment of a mail route from Belleville, Fla., to Valdosta, Ga.; also,

Joint resolution asking the Congress of the United States to establish a mail route from Waldo, in Alachua county, to Lake Butler, in Bradford county, Fla.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER,

Chairman Senate Committee.

H. L. GRADY,

Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bills, memorials and joint resolution were duly signed by the President and Secretary.

Mr. McClenny obtained leave and introduced:

Senate bill No. 155,

To be entitled an act to amend sections one and two of an act entitled an act regulating the mode of suing out writs of error and prosecuting appeals in the Court of Appeals of the Territory of Florida, approved February 10, 1832;

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

Senate bill No. 95,

To be entitled an act to establish a State University and Normal College,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Thompson moved to strike out section 3 of the bill;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Thompson moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Mr. McKinne moved to lay the motion to indefinitely postpone upon the table;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson obtained leave and introduced

Senate bill No. 156,

To be entitled an act in relation to the powers and duties of sheriffs and others in incorporated cities and towns;

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

Mr. Bryson obtained leave and introduced

Senate bill No. 157,

To be entitled an act in relation to the illegal employment of laborers and servants;

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

The following message was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 9, 1881. }

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

Lieutenant Governor:

SIR—I have this day signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State the following act, which originated in the Senate—

An act relating to the intermarriage of white persons with persons of color.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM, Governor.

Which was read.

Senate bill No. 149,

To be entitled an act to authorize William T. Jackson to construct a boom on the Suwannee river,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Bryson 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. Allen, Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, McClenny, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Speer, Thompson, Walker and Wallace—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 144:

To be entitled an act to legalize the town government of the town of Quincy, Florida,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Walker 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. Allen, Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, McClenny, McKinne, McKinnon, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker and Wallace—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Walker moved that the rules be further waived and that the Secretary be instructed to immediately certify the passage of the bill to the Assembly;

Which was agreed to and the Secretary was so instructed.

Mr. Speer obtained leave and introduced Senate bill No. 158:

To be entitled an act to provide for the issue of bonds, consolidating the bonds belonging to the Sinking Funds, Common Schools and Seminary Fund and Agricultural College Fund;

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

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 134,

To be entitled an act for the protection of Fisheries and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Judge, Polhill and Sharpe—5.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Delano, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Lee, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Robinson, Speer, Walker, Willard and Wallace—15.

So the bill was lost.

Mr. Walker moved that the vote just taken by which the bill was lost be reconsidered;

Which was laid over until to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 137:

To be entitled an act to provide summary proceedings against delinquent tenants,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, and Wallace—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 97:

To be entitled an act to furnish the Attorney-General's office with Supreme Court reports.

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Lee, McKinne, McKinnon, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 10, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 129, to be entitled an act to repeal and dissolve municipal corporations under certain circumstances, and to provide the manner in which such cities may be re-incorporated; also,

Senate amendment to Assembly bill No. 23, to be entitled an act to grant to A. M. McMillan the right to straighten, clear and improve the creek known as Big Pine Barren creek, in Escambia county, Florida,

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

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, JR.,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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

Assembly bill No. 129:

To be entitled an act to dissolve municipal corporations under certain circumstances, and to provide the manner in which such cities may become re-incorporated,

Was read the third time.

Mr. McKay moved that the further consideration of the bill be laid over until to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 23:

To be entitled an act to grant to A. M. McMillan the right to straighten, clear and improve the creek known as Big Pine Barren creek in Escambia county, Florida.

Mr. Judge moved that the bill be placed back upon its second reading;

Which was agreed to.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the vote taken by which Assembly bill No. 129, to be entitled an act to repeal and dissolve municipal corporations under certain circumstances, and to

provide the manner in which such cities may become re-incorporated, was laid over until to-morrow be reconsidered ;

Which was agreed to, and the bill put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cone, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, McClenney, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Lee, Powers and Wallace—5.
So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 10, 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 pass—

Senate bill No. 105, to be entitled an act for the relief of S. G. Evans and G. W. Bevans, of Suwannee county, Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 10, 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. 170, to be entitled an act to repeal an act approved February 4, 1861, entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peace Creek, and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon, and an act approved February 9, 1870, entitled an act to incorporate the Peace Creek Immigrant and Agricultural Society, and to provide for the sale of the lands covered by said acts or either of them, and to clear the title of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the same.

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.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 9, 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. 159, to be entitled an act to provide for the execution of writs or decrees in special cases in other counties than the one in which they were issued,

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 referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 9, 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. 61, to be entitled an act for the relief of Meredith B. Abernathy; also passed

Assembly bill No. 110, to be entitled an act to regulate proceedings before Justices of the Peace in cases of peace warrants;

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 Assembly bill No. 61 was referred to the Committee on Claims, and the accompanying Assembly bill No. 110 referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 10, 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—

Assembly bill No. 142, to be entitled an act for the relief of the heirs of John Broward; also,

Senate bill No. 65, to be entitled an act for the relief of Caroline Jones, of Suwannee county.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the accompanying Assembly bill No. 142 was referred to the Committee on Claims, and the accompanying Senate bill No. 65 was ordered enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 10, 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. 136, to be entitled an act to authorize Alexander D. McKinnon and James A. Herrin to construct a lock and mill dam on and across the Big Sandy creek, in Holmes county, Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the accompanying bill ordered enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 9, 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. 141, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pine Grove Camp-Ground, in Suwannee county, 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 referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 9, 1881.

H L. N.O.W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

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

Adopted—

Assembly memorial to Congress, to erect a light house and beacon light on Choctawhatchie bay.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill was ordered enrolled, and the memorial was placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 9, 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. 175, to be entitled an act to clear the title to certain lands in St. Johns county heretofore sold by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,

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 referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 9, 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. 107, to be entitled an act for the better protection of passengers on railroad cars and the employes of railroad companies;

Also that it has adopted—

Assembly memorial asking for an appropriation by Congress to clear out and make navigable the Aucilla and Wacissa rivers.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the accompanying Senate bill No. 107 ordered enrolled, and the memorial was placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

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

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 11, 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, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, McClenny, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hendry, Mr. Willard was excused.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, Mr. McClellan was excused.

INTRODUCTION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, ETC.

Mr. Powers introduced the following joint resolution :

Proposing amendments to Section 3 of Article 6 of the Constitution relative to the term of office of Supreme Court Judges.

Also the following :

Joint resolution proposing to amend Section 16 of Article 5 of the Constitution so as to make the Governor's Cabinet elective by the people.

Also the following :