

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, 1831.

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:

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, Section 1, Article 14, making it necessary for a man to pay his poll tax before he can vote;

Which were read by their titles and placed among the orders of the day.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Robinson:

Senate bill No. 159,

To be entitled an act to provide for recording certificates given by the Comptroller or Commissioner of Lands and Immigration when lands are redeemed;

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

By Mr. Hatcher:

Senate bill No. 160,

To be entitled an act for the relief of Henry Jernigan of Walton county, Florida;

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS, MEMORIALS, ETC.

Joint resolution proposing amendments to Section 3 of Article 6 of the Constitution, relative to the term of office of Supreme Court Judges.

The People of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows:

Section 3 of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Florida is amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 3. The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and two Associate Justices, who shall hold their offices for eight years from the date of commission. They shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The term of office of the Justice whose commission is oldest in date shall expire at the time of the ratification of this amendment, the term of office of the Justice whose commission is the next oldest in date shall expire two years thereafter, and the term of office of the remaining Justice shall expire four years thereafter, and their salaries shall be provided for by the Legislature.

Was read and the joint resolution ordered spread upon the journal, and referred to the Special Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution,

Section 1 Article 14, making it necessary for a man to pay his poll tax before he can vote:

The people of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows:

Section first of Article Fourteenth of the Constitution of the State of Florida is amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Every male person of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, of whatever race, color, nationality, or previous condition, who shall, at the time of offering to vote, be a citizen of the United States, and who shall have resided and had his habitation, domicile, home and place of permanent abode in Florida for one year, and in the county for six months next preceding the election at which he shall offer to vote, and shall have paid the poll tax due by him for the two years next preceding the year in which he shall offer to vote, and who shall not have been convicted of any larceny, or felony, or any infamous crime, and none others, shall be deemed a qualified elector under this Constitution.

Every elector shall, at the time of his registration, take and subscribe the following oath:

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and the Constitution and Government of the State of Florida against all enemies, foreign or domestic; that I will bear true faith, loyalty and allegiance to the same, any ordinances or resolution of any State convention or legislature to the contrary notwithstanding, so help me God.

Was read and the joint resolution was ordered spread upon the journal and referred to the Special Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

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

The people of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows:

SECTION 16 of Article 5 of the Constitution, shall be amended as follows: The Governor shall be assisted by a Cabinet of Administrative officers consisting of an Attorney-General, Comptroller, Treasurer, Commissioner of Lands and Immigration, and a Secretary of State, who shall be ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. Such officers shall be elected by the people at the same time and shall hold their offices for the same time as the Governor and until their successors shall qualify.

The salary of the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration shall be paid from the proceeds of the sales of Public Lands.

Was read and the joint resolution was ordered spread upon the journals and referred to the Special Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 9, 1831.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that—

They have deposited with the Governor for his action thereon the following bills originating in the Senate:

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 8, 1861; 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 No. 132 of Patrons of Husbandry in Walton county, Florida; also,

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

Senate Bill No. 60, to be entitled an act to amend section 7 of an act entitled an act to amend sections 29, 35, 36, 58 and 68 of an act relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace and judgments of Justice Courts, approved February 27, 1875, being chapter 2095, approved February 10, 1877; also,

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

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

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

Senate memorial to Congress, asking for the re-establishment of a mail route from Bellville, Florida, to Valdosta, Georgia; 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, requesting an appropriation to remove obstructions to navigation inland between Matanzas and Smyrna inlets on the Florida coast; 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.

Very respectfully,
J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Judge, Chairman of the Committee on Education, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 11, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 138, to be entitled an act for the support and education of the indigent deaf and dumb,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and return it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,
WM. JUDGE,
Chairman Committee on Education.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 11, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 95, to be entitled an act to establish a State University and Normal College,

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

Very respectfully,
WM. JUDGE,
Acting Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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

The Committee on Immigration made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 11, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Substitute for Senate bills Nos. 23 and 30,

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and recommend that it do pass, with the accompanying amendments.

Very respectfully,

E. S. GRILL,
Chairman Committee.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 11, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee, to whom was referred—

Assembly bill No. 61, to be entitled act for the relief of Meredith B. Abernathy,

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

Very 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, February 11, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 89, to be entitled an act for the relief of the estate of B. C. Lewis, P. B. Brokaw, John McDougall and William Bailey,

Beg leave to report it back without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

J. G. SPEER,
Chairman.

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

The Committee on Appropriations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 11, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Appropriations to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 152, an act in relation to the contingent expenses of the Circuit Court,

Have had the same under consideration and ask that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

W. J. JONES, Acting Chairman.

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

The Committee on Railroads made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 11, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

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,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and respectfully recommend that it do pass with the enclosed amendment.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO,
GEO. W. ALLEN.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 11, 1881.

TO HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The undersigned members of the Committee on Railroads and Canals, have had under consideration

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,

And recommend that the same do not pass.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,
W. N. THOMPSON.

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, February 10, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly bill No. 152, to be entitled an act to make certain regulations of practice and pleadings in actions of ejectments; also,

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; also,

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

Assembly bill No. 175, to be entitled an act to clear the titles to certain lands in St. Johns county heretofore sold by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; also,

Senate bill No. 156, to be entitled an in relation to the powers and duties of Sheriffs and others in incorporated cities and towns; also,

Senate bill No. 157, to be entitled an act in relation to the illegal employment of laborers and servants; also,

Senate bill No. 158, to be entitled an act to provide for the issue of bonds, consolidating the bonds belonging to the Sink-ing Fund, Common School Fund, Seminary Fund and Agricultural Fund,

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

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 134,

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

Mr. Walker moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was lost yesterday;

Which was agreed to and the bill was so reconsidered.

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

Which was agreed to, and upon motion of Mr. McKinne, the bill was recommitted to a special committee of three.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Walker, McKay and Sharpe.

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

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

Which was agreed to, and the memorial was so read.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Lee, McClenny, McKay, McKinne, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace—24.

Nays—None.

So the memorial passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly memorial No. —:

Memorial asking Congress to erect a Light House and Beacon Light on Choctawhatchee bay.

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to and the memorial was so read.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, McClenny, McKay, McKinne, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker and Wallace—24.

Nays—None.

So the memorial was passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 138:

To be entitled an act for the support and education of the indigent deaf and dumb,

Was read by its title.

Mr. McKinne moved that the consideration of the bill be laid over until 11 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was agreed to and it was so laid over.

Senate bill No. 158:

To be entitled an act to provide for the issue of bonds con-

solidating the bonds belonging to the Sinking Fund, Common School and Seminary Fund, and Agricultural College,

Was read the second time and, upon motion of Mr. Thompson, ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 152:

To be entitled an act to make certain regulations of practice and pleading in actions of ejectment,

Was read the second time.

Upon motion the bill was placed among the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow.

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,

Was read the second time.

Upon motion the bill was placed among the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 110:

To be entitled an act to regulate proceedings before Justices of the Peace in cases of peace warrants,

Was read the second time.

Upon motion, the bill was placed among the orders of the day for a third reading on to-morrow.

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,

Was read the second time.

Upon motion, the bill was placed among the orders of the day for a third reading on to-morrow.

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,

Was read the second time.

Upon motion, the bill was placed among the orders of the day for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 157:

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

Was read the second time.

Mr. Wallace moved to indefinitely postpone the bill;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Lee offered to amend as follows: Provided, that the provisions of this act shall apply equally to any employer who shall discharge any servant or laborer without sufficient cause

or provocation before the term of the contract or contracts has expired.

Mr. Niblack offered as a substitute to the amendment: Provided, the employee shall have no just cause to violate his contract with his first employer;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McKinne offered the following amendment: In 8th line of section 1, strike out the word "was" and insert in lieu thereof "had."

Which was adopted and the bill was ordered engrossed as amended for a third reading on to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 61,

To be entitled an act for the relief of Meredith B. Abernathy, Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to, and the bill was so read.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Cone, Crill, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, McClenny, McKay, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Speer, Thompson—19.

Nays—None.

Mr. McKinne was excused from voting.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 89:

To be entitled an act for the relief of the estates of B. C. Lewis, P. B. Brokaw, John McDougall and William Bailey,

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

Mr. Bryson moved that 150 copies of the bill be ordered printed for the use of the Senate and Assembly;

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

Senate bill No. 152:

To be entitled an act in relation to the contingent expenses of the Circuit Court,

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to and the bill was so postponed.

Substitute for Senate bills Nos. 23 and 30, an act entitled 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 the State lands, approved March 7, 1879,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Walker moved that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture;

Which was agreed to.

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,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the favorable report of the committee.

Pending the discussion, Mr. McKinne moved that the Senate adjourn until 3½ o'clock P. M.;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

HALF-PAST THREE 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, Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Judge, Lee, Mallory, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Thompson and Walker—16.

A quorum present.

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.

The consideration of the motion to adopt the favorable report of the committee was resumed.

Mr. McKinne moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Monday next at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Delano moved to lay the motion to postpone upon the table;

Which was agreed to, and the consideration of report resumed.

The question was, Shall the favorable report of the committee be adopted?

A division was called for and the report was declared adopted.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment:

Sec. 10. That the above named railroad company shall not

charge passenger fare for the transportation of passengers at a higher rate than than five cents per mile for each passenger traveling over said railroad under penalty of forfeiture of this charter; and any officer or agent of said railroad violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars;

Which was accepted and adopted.

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

Mr. Thompson obtained leave and introduced—

Senate bill No. 161,

To be entitled an act for the relief of W. D. Palmer,

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

Mr. Thompson, Chairman of 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—

Assembly bill No. 141, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pine Grove Camp Ground, in Suwannee county, in this State,

Have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. N. THOMPSON,
Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill 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, and the bill was so read.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClenny, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Wallace—22.

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, February 11, 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 joint resolution authorizing the joint committee appointed to examine the offices of the Comptroller and Treasurer to destroy, by burning, all warrants and coupons canceled during the years 1877, 1878, 1879 and 1880, and certain bonds therein specified,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Mr. Speer offered to amend the accompanying resolution as follows:

Include in the resolution the burning of the vouchers from January 1st, to February 2nd, of 1881, inclusive also, all of the Greenback Scrip that is in the Treasurer's office;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Speer moved that the rule be waived and that the joint resolution be read a second and third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to and the resolution was so read.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClenny, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Wallace—22.

Nays—None.

So the joint resolution passed.

The Secretary was directed to immediately certify the same to the Assembly.

The Committee on Railroads made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 11, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 133, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Street-Car Company,

Respectfully beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that it pass, with the following amendments, to-wit: In the fifteenth line of second page strike out the word "fifty" and insert "thirty" in lieu thereof.

After the last word of the sixth section insert the following:
 "Sec. 7. The fare which said street car company may charge for transporting passengers over its lines shall not exceed the rate of five cents per mile for each passenger, provided it may charge five cents for any distance less than a mile traveled by any passenger, and if said street-car company at any time charges a greater rate of passenger fare, it shall thereby forfeit all rights and privileges granted under this charter."

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,
 CHAS. DELANO,
 W. N. THOMPSON,
 Committee.

Which was read and, upon motion, the amendments recommended to the accompanying bill were adopted and ordered engrossed as amended for a third reading to-morrow.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 11, 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 joint resolution relative to the adjournment of the Legislature at 12 o'clock noon on the fourth day of March next,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Mr. Thompson moved that the accompanying joint resolution be read the second and third times and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cole Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClenny, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Wallace—23.

Nays—None.

So the joint resolution was passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 11, 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. 143, to be entitled an act to authorize the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions to purchase a small tract of land,

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 the Asylum.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 11, 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. 153, to be entitled an act to prevent the selling as butter of oleomargarine or any spurious preparation purporting to be butter,

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 Agriculture.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee February 11, 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. 173, to be entitled an act to punish certain defalcations in money and property,

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 Judiciary.

Substitute for Senate bill Nos. 77 and 78 :

To be entitled an act to dissolve municipal corporations under circumstances therein stated and to provide governments for the same,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Mallory moved to amend by filling the blank in the first section of said bill with the words "one hundred."

Mr. McKinne moved that Mr. McClellan be indefinitely excused ;

Which was agreed to.

At 4:45 o'clock the Senate went into Executive Session.

At 5 o'clock the doors were opened.

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

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 12, 1881.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClenny, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Wallace—23.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 12, 1881.

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

SIR : Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 133, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Street Car Company,

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

WM. BRYSON, JR.,
 Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 138 :

To be entitled an act for the support and education of the indigent deaf and dumb,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Niblack moved to amend by striking out section 3 in the bill ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Niblack moved to further amend by striking out in the second section the word "required" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "appropriated ;"

Which was agreed to.

Ordered engrossed, as amended, for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 95,

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cole, Hatcher, Lee, McKinne, McKinnon, Polhill, Wallace—9.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Mallory, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker—14.

So the bill was not passed.

The following communication was received from the Governor :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
 TALLAHASSEE, February 12, 1881. }

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

Lieutenant Governor :

SIR—I have this day signed and deposited in the office of