

Nays—Messrs. McKinne and McKinnon—2.
 So the bill passed, title as stated.
 Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.
 Petition of the Florida Fruit-Growers Association,
 Was read the second time and upon motion was recommitted to the committee on Education.
 Mr. Niblack obtained leave and introduced
 Senate bill No. 163,
 To be entitled an act relating to the custody of persons charged with or convicted of crime;
 Which was read the first time.
 Mr. Niblack moved that the rules be waived and the bill be read a second time;
 Which was agreed to and the bill was so read.
 Mr. Chandler moved that the rules be further 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, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClenny, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace—27.
 Nays—None.
 So the bill passed, title as stated.
 Ordered that the same be immediately certified to the Assembly.
 At 1 o'clock the Senate went into Executive session.
 At 1:10 the doors were opened.
 Mr. Dell moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock Monday morning;
 Which was agreed to.
 Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

CONFIRMATION.

J. S. Dyches, to be Sheriff of Sumter county.

MONDAY, February 14, 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, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker and Willard—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

On motion of Mr. Dell, Mr. McClenny was excused until Thursday morning.

INTRODUCTION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, ETC.

Mr. Polhill offered the following joint resolution:
 Joint resolution to amend Section 8 of Article 8 of the Constitution.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. McKinne:

Senate bill No. 164:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act concerning forcible entry and detainer, approved February, 1869;

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

By Mr. McKay:

Senate bill No. 165:

To be entitled an act to quiet titles to land sold for taxes;

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS, &C.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 8 of Article 8, of the Constitution.

Section 8 of Article 8, of the Constitution, is hereby amended as so to read as follows:

SECTION 8. Each county shall be required to raise annually by tax, for the support of Common Schools therein, a sum not less than one-half of the amount apportioned to each county for that year from the Common School Fund, and the Legislature shall determine by law the method in which the Common School Fund shall be distributed among the several school districts,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

The Joint Committee appointed to visit the convict camp made the following report:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 14, 1881.

To the Hon. L. W. Bethel, Lieutenant-Governor of Florida, and to the Hon. J. J. Harris, Speaker of the Assembly of Florida:

GENTLEMEN—Your Joint Committee of the two houses of the Legislature to whom was assigned the duty of visiting and inspecting the State convicts and examining into their condition, respectfully submit that they have performed the duty imposed on them, and beg leave to render this their report.

The Legislature is already aware of the fact that the system of hiring out the State convicts, adopted in the earlier days of Governor Drew's administration, is still pursued, and that shortly before the inauguration of the present administration the State entered into a contract with the East Florida Railroad Company, by which the care, custody and control of all the State convicts was transferred to that company for the period of two years.

In pursuance of the authority conferred on them by this contract, the agents of the East Florida Railroad Company assumed charge of the convicts, and shortly before the visit of your committee had transferred one hundred and twenty-two of the one hundred and twenty-five convicts from the old camp near Live Oak to the new camp, located by the company about six miles from Jacksonville, on the line of the Waycross Railroad, in the construction of which road the convicts are now employed.

Your committee arrived at the camp shortly before the dinner hour of the convicts while the latter were at work, and had a favorable opportunity of observing their physical condition. Criticisms on the abuses to which the "hiring out" system is subject, which have from time to time appeared in the press of the State, had prepared your committee to witness evidences of physical weakness among the prisoners as the probable results of the alleged abuses which evoked those criticisms. Observation failed to sustain such anticipations. So far as your committee could judge from the appearance of the prisoners, and the energetic manner in which each one was performing the work he was engaged in, your committee was led to the conclusion that the system and discipline observed in managing them of late has neither impaired their health nor weakened their strength.

Upon inquiry and examination, your committee discovered

that out of the one hundred and twenty-two convicts then connected with the camp, there were but three sick in the hospital, of whom one had the measles, one chills and fever, and one was suffering from an organic affection of the heart. Besides these three, who were confined to their beds in the hospital, there were some four or five others incapacitated for work by various physical disabilities, not sufficient to confine them to the hospital. The sick are all under the supervision of a physician who visits the camp regularly once a week.

The quarters of the convicts, which have been erected by the present lessees, were inspected by your Committee, and found to be dry, clean, commodious, well ventilated and well designed to afford facilities for guarding against escapes.

The appearance and statements of the convicts themselves showed that they had been receiving enough to eat, and an inspection by your Committee of the dinner about to be served to the prisoners, on your Committee's arrival at the camp, furnished assurance that both in quantity and quality their food is not inferior to that of most daily laborers.

The prison uniform worn by the convicts is of thick, striped cotton, affording sufficient warmth and protection, perhaps, against the ordinary winter weather of this latitude, but in the opinion of your Committee, it is not sufficient to protect against the severe cold that has characterized the present season, and your Committee therefore recommend that the proper steps be taken to supply each convict with at least one suit sufficiently heavy to secure protection against exceptionally cold weather in the future.

Upon the whole, their investigation and inspection enables your Committee to report that the present condition of the convicts is far better than your Committee had expected to find it, and is as creditable to the State as it was gratifying to your Committee.

Penal servitude can never, consistently with its object as an institution of punishment for crime, be otherwise than bitterly repugnant to those consigned to it. In this respect, the system adopted by the late administration undoubtedly fulfills its mission. Without some precautions, however, to impose a check upon the autocratic, arbitrary power of those who have the custody and management of the convicts, it is possible that the system may be abused in the future as it is alleged to have been abused in the past.

It is the province of the Legislature to provide against the possibility of cruelty and inhumanity in the treatment of the convicts, and to this end your committee respectfully recommend the enactment of such legislation as will make it the duty of the Adjutant-General to visit and inspect the prison

camp and examine the convicts at irregular intervals, at least five times a year, without notice to those in charge of the convicts; also he should be required to furnish a report to the Governor of his observations during each visit, and such reports should be published in a newspaper at the Capital.

The effect of the present system is to relieve the State of an expense of at least \$30,000 per annum, and in lieu thereof to bring in an income from the convicts of about \$3,000 per annum.

Without undertaking to say that it is the best system that can be devised, your committee believe that when properly conducted, it is well adapted to the necessities of this State, and that for many years yet it will be to the interest of the State to adhere to it. If it is to be regarded as something more than a mere temporary expedient, it is the opinion of your committee that the income to the State from its convict labor, can be measurably increased by lengthening the term for which the convicts are to be hired. Were the the term extended to five years, the value of the convict's services to the lessees would be greatly enhanced, and it is your committee's belief that at least three times the sum now paid to the State for their services could be realized. To this consideration your committee would respectfully call the attention of the Legislature.

In conclusion, your committee would respectfully submit the facts and suggestions herein set forth and offered, and beg to be discharged.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,
H. T. LYKES,
GEO. W. ALLEN,
WM. J. JONES,
WM. BRYSON, JR.,
On part of the Senate.
L. L. NEWSOM,
A. C. TIPPIN,
H. D. HOWBEN,
G. C. COLEMAN,
W. MILLER,
L. N. B. MCCRAY,
H. H. SPEAR,

On part of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Mr. Jones moved that the report be received, adopted and spread upon the journal;

Which was agreed to.

Upon motion of Mr. Duncan, 300 extra copies of the journal

containing the report was ordered printed for the use of the Senate.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 14, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Claims to whom was referred—
Senate bill No. 161, to be entitled an act for the relief of W. D. Palmer; also,

Senate bill No. 160, to be entitled an act for the relief of Henry Jernigan, of Walton county, Fla.; also,
Senate bill No. 153, to be entitled an act for the relief of James S. Turner, of Levy county, Fla.,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that they do pass.

Your Committee have also examined Assembly bill No. 142, to be entitled an act for the relief of the heirs of John Broward and recommend its passage with amendment.

Very respectfully,

J. G. SPEER, Chairman.

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 14, 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. 86, an act to provide for the service of subpoenas in chancery in other counties than the one in which the action is brought.

Assembly bill No. —, an act to provide summary proceedings against delinquent tenants.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER,

Chairman Senate Committee.

H. L. GRADY,

Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 161,
To be entitled an act for the relief of W. D. Palmer,
Was read the second time.

Ordered engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 160,
To be entitled an act for the relief of Henry Jernigan of
Walton county, Florida,

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

Senate bill No. 153,
To be entitled an act for the relief of James S. Turner of
Levy county, Florida,

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for
a third reading.

Assembly bill No. 142:

To be entitled an act for the relief of the heirs of John Brow-
ard,

Was read the second time, and, upon motion, the amend-
ments offered by the committee were adopted.

Ordered that the same be engrossed for a third reading on
to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 40:

To be entitled an act to extend the time for the redemption
of land sold for taxes,

Was read the second time.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the bill be laid over subject to
call;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dell obtained leave and introduced the following joint
resolution:

WHEREAS, The cost of selling land by the Internal Improve-
ment Board and the current expenses of said board appear to
be very great, and, whereas, it is the duty of this Legislature
to examine and scrutinize closely all such expenses, so as to
enable the people of the State to judge whether it is right and
just; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That a
committee of two on the part of the Senate and three from the
Assembly be appointed to examine the above mentioned ex-
penses and report at as early day as practicable;

Which was read.

Mr. McKinne moved that the rules be waived and the reso-
lution 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. Allen, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano,
Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Lee, McClellan, McKay,
McKinne, Polhill, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace, Wil-
lard—21.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Substitute for Senate bills 77 and 78,

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Jones,
Judge, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon,
Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Wil-
lard—19.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Lee, Wallace—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 138:

To be entitled an act for the support and education of indi-
gent deaf and dumb,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Delano, Dell, Duncan,
Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan,
McKay, McKinne, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thomp-
son, Walker, Wallace and Willard—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee of Conference on Assembly bill No. 14
made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 14, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee of Conference appointed to act with
a similar committee from the Assembly to consider the Senate
amendments to Assembly bill No. 14, to be entitled an act to
prevent illegal voting in this State, and in which the Assembly
refused to concur and the Senate refused to recede, most re-
spectfully recommend that the Senate do recede from its first
amendment; and in the second line of second amendment the
word "three" be stricken out and "one" be inserted in lieu

thereof, and that said bill, together with the other amendments, do pass.

Very respectfully,
JOHN H. MCKINNE, Chairman.

Which was read, and, upon motion of Mr. McKinnon, was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified back to the Assembly.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 14, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

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

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; also,

Substitute for Senate bills Nos. 77 and 78, a bill to be entitled an act to dissolve municipal corporations under circumstances stated, and to provide governments for the same,

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

Very respectfully,

WM. JUDGE,

Acting Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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

Under a suspension of the rules, the following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Thompson:

Senate bill No. 166:

To be entitled an act to designate the holidays to be observed in the acceptance and payment of bills of exchange, bank checks and promissory notes;

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

Also,

Senate bill No. 167:

To be entitled an act in relation to commercial paper;

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

By Mr. Jones:

Senate bill No. 168:

To be entitled an act to authorize Peter Thompson, of Levy county, to take charge of and manage his estate;
Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

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 third time.

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

Which was not agreed to.

The bill was then put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Crill, Delano, Judge, Lee, McClellan, Sharpe, Speer, Wallace and Willard—11.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Mallory, McKinne, Niblack, Robinson, Thompson and Walker—10.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Under a suspension of the rules the following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Lee:

Senate bill No. 169:

To be entitled an act to amend chapter 3021 of the Laws of Florida entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of electors and the holding of elections, approved August 6, 1868, approved February 27, 1877,

Which was read the first time, and, upon motion of Mr. Lee, was ordered spread upon the journal and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 3021 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of electors and the holding of elections, approved August 6th, 1868, approved February 27th, 1877:

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

SECTION 1. That the ballot of each elector by himself, or a person designated by such elector, in the presence of the Inspectors and Clerk of election at each election precinct, on the side opposite that on which the name or names are printed or written, be numbered, and said number shall correspond with that set opposite to such elector's name upon the poll list.

SEC. 2. That each elector shall withhold his ballot so num-

bered, as required in Section 1 of this act, until the clerk of the election at the polling place at which said elector offers to vote can write opposite to the name of said elector upon the poll list the number upon the elector's said ballot, whereupon the said elector, out of his own hands, shall, in the presence of the Inspectors, deposit his said ballot through the opening in said the top of the ballot box.

SEC. 3. That the Clerk of the Circuit Court in each county in this State shall, when the ballot boxes are placed in his custody by the Inspectors after any election, keep the same, with the ballots therein, in some secure place for at least twelve months, to be used when required in any contest, or legal process, or controversy growing out of any election.

SEC. 4. Should any person violate any of the provisions of this act, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars and not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for not less than one nor more than three years; and should the Clerk of any Circuit Court wilfully violate the provisions of this act, in addition to the penalties already set forth, he shall be guilty of a malfeasance in office.

SEC. 5. All laws, and parts of laws, in conflict with this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

By Mr. Thompson:

Senate bill No. 170:

To be entitled an act fixing the time for holding the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit;

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

By Mr. McKinne:

Senate bill No. 171:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 80 of an act entitled an act relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace and judgments of Justices' courts, approved February 27, 1875;

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

By the Committee on Education:

Senate bill No. 172:

To be entitled an act for State adoption of a series of school books;

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the rules be waived and that the bill be read a second time by its title;

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

Ordered that the same be laid over for a third reading on the 15th inst.

At 12:30 the Senate went into executive session.

At 12:40 the doors were opened.

The President and Secretary signed the following bills originating in the Assembly:

An act for the relief of Ely C. Horn and others.

An act to authorize Thomas E. Dekle to erect a mill dam across Five-Mile creek in Bradford county.

An act to provide for the service of subpoenas in chancery in other counties than the one in which action is brought.

A memorial to Congress asking for the establishment of certain mail routes therein mentioned.

Joint resolution relative to destroying cancelled bonds, coupons and warrants.

An act to furnish the Attorney-General's office with Supreme Court reports.

An act to provide summary proceedings against delinquent tenants.

An act to provide for the surrender of municipal franchises by cities and towns.

Mr. Walker of the Committee on Enrolled bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 14, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your 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. 65, to be entitled an act for the relief of Caroline Jones, of Suwannee county; also,

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

Senate bill No. 107, to be entitled an act for the better protection of passengers on railroad cars and the employees of railroad companies; also,

Senate bill No. 136, to be entitled an act to authorize Alexander D. McKinnon and James A. Herrin to construct a lock, mill and dam on and across the Big Sandy Creek in Holmes county.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 14, 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. 19, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Carrabelle and Thomasville Railroad Company; also, Senate memorial relative to a mail route from Madison, Fla., to Quitman, Ga.

Very respectfully, -

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 14, 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. 41, to be entitled an act to change the time for holding the Circuit Courts in the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

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 14, 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. 84, to be entitled an act to amend Sections 20 and 21, Chapter 71, Laws of Florida, with amendments,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and upon motion of Mr. Thompson the Senate concurred in the amendments offered by the Assembly to the accompanying bill, and ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly and the bill be enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 14, 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. 144, to be entitled an act to prevent gaming; also passed,

Senate bill No. 21, to be entitled an act for the relief of A. Moseley, Sheriff of Leon county.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the accompanying Assembly bill No. 144 was referred to the Judiciary Committee, and the accompanying Senate bill No. 21 was ordered enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 14, 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. 128, to be entitled an act for the protection of parents and guardians, or other persons having the legal supervision over minors.

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 14, 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 concurrent resolution, relative to the Hon. Hugh A. Corley, Commissioner of Lands, going to Jacksonville, Fla., to investigate the Vose Claim; also,

Senate concurrent resolution, relative to appointing a Joint Committee to go with the Hon. Hugh A. Corley, Commission-

er of Lands, to Jacksonville, Fla., to investigate the Vose Claim.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

The President announced that he had appointed Mr. Bryson as said committee on the part of the Senate.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee February 14, 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. 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 repeal Chapter 1900 of the Laws of Florida with amendments,

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 and amendment was made the special order of the day for to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 14, 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. 126, to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. E. C. Morton of Polk county.

Very 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, February 14, 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 memorial relative to a mail route from Tallahassee, Florida, to Jackson's Bluff, on the Oclockonee river; also adopted

Assembly memorial for a mail route from Econfina to Colquhoun, in Washington county.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and upon motion of Mr. McKinnon, the rules were waived and the memorial in relation to the establishment of a mail route from Tallahassee, Florida, to Jackson's Bluff, on the Ocklocknee river via Holland's Mill, was read the second and third times and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole Cone, Crill, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Mallory, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace and Willard—18.

Nays—None.

So the memorial was passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly memorial to Congress to establish a mail route from Econfina to Colquhoun, in Washington county.

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

Which was agreed to.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Mallory, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace and Willard—18.

Nays—None.

So the memorial passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Under a suspension of the rules, the following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Thompson:

Senate bill No. 173:

To be entitled an act requiring the Trustees of the Internal

Improvement Fund to pay interest on moneys refunded in certain cases ;

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

By Mr. Speer :

Senate bill No 174 :

To be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3138, (No. 40) Laws of Florida, approved March 11, 1879 ;

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

At 1:30 P. M., Mr. Crill moved that the Senate take a recess for twenty minutes ;

Which was agreed to.

After recess the roll was called and a quorum present.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 14, 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. 163, to be entitled an act relating to the custody of persons charged with or convicted of crime.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the accompany bill ordered enrolled.

Mr. Crill moved that the Senate adjourn until half-past three o'clock ;

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, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Willard—18.

A quorum present.

The following communication from the Comptroller was received :

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Tallahassee, Feb. 14, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR : In compliance with a resolution of the Senate passed on the 12th inst., I have the honor to report that *no* Railroad Company of this State has made returns of their property to this office as required by section 45 of an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved March 7, 1879.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BARNES, Comptroller.

Which was read.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 14, 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. 163, to be entitled an act relating to the custody of persons charged with or convicted of crime.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,

Acting Chairman Senate Committee,

H. L. GRADY,

Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bill was duly signed by the President and Secretary.

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

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

CONFIRMATIONS.

John B. Anderson, to be Collector of Revenue for Jackson county.

Henry B. Grace, to be Assessor of Taxes for Jackson county.

W. B. McLeod, to be Assessor of Taxes for Walton county.

Paul Arnau, William Hernandez, Ignatio Lopez and James B. Ponce, to be Commissioners of Pilotage in St. Johns county.