

TUESDAY, February 15, 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, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Walker—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

Mr. Mallory introduced—

Joint resolution expressing sympathy for the people of Ireland.

Mr. Hendry introduced—

Joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. McKinnon, as Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation:

Senate bill No. 175:

To be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue;

Which was read the first time by its title, and, upon motion, 150 copies of the bill was ordered printed for the use of the Senate and Assembly.

By Mr. McClellan:

Senate bill No. 126:

To be entitled an act to amend the sixth section of the act approved March 7, 1879, fixing the per diem and mileage of County Commissioners;

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

WHEREAS, The spectacle of a brave, high-spirited and chivalrous people struggling to shake off the yoke of an obdurate tyranny, is one which naturally appeals to the sympathy of the

American people; and whereas, the people of Ireland, whose valor, patriotic spirit and devotion to the cause of human freedom have been illustrated and rendered historic in every clime by a long line of eminent sages, statesmen, heroes and divines, are to-day engaged in a vital contest for freedom with a gigantic, imperious and implacable foe; therefore,

The people of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows: That the present effort of the Irish people to wring from the British Government the recognition and observance of their rights as men is a step of vast import, not only to the Irish people themselves, but to the cause of human liberty the world over, and that as an unconquerable people, for the hundredth time resisting oppression and defiantly confronting their oppressors, the Irish people possess the respect, good wishes and warmest sympathies of the people of this State;

Which was read the first time.

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

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Polhill, Powers, Sharpe, Speer and Thompson—20.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Florida, That the 4th section of the 16 article of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. The salary of the Governor of the State shall be three thousand (\$3,000) dollars per annum. That of each Justice of the Supreme Court shall be two thousand and five hundred (\$2,500) dollars. That of each Judge of the Circuit Court shall be two thousand (\$2,000) dollars. That of each cabinet officer shall be fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. McKinnon, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, offered the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 15, 1881.
HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee, to whom was referred—
Sundry bills, seeking to amend the revenue laws,
Beg leave to report the accompanying bill in lieu of said
bills, as the Committee on Tax and Finance on the part of the
Senate and the Assembly, acting as a Joint Committee, are of
the opinion that this bill contains the necessary changes in the
revenue law.

Very respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON,
Chairman Committee on Tax and Finance.

Which was read, and, upon motion, the report was adopted
and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.
The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following re-
port:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 15, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was re-
ferred—

Senate bill No. 53, to be entitled an act for the relief of Jas.
S. Turner, of Levy county, Florida; also,
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, Florida; also,
Senate amendment to Assembly bill No. 142, to be entitled
an act for the relief of heirs of John Broward,

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

WM. JUDGE,

Acting Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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

The Committee on Railroads made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 15, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—
Senate bill No. 174, to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter-
3188 (No. 40), Laws of Florida, approved March 11th, 1879.

Respectfully beg leave to report that they have considered
the same, and recommend that the substitute herewith reported
be adopted in lieu thereof.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO,
S. R. MALLORY,
W. N. THOMPSON,
GEO. W. ALLEN.

Which was read, and, upon motion, was adopted, and the ac-
companying bill read the second time and ordered engrossed
for a third reading to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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 In-
ternal Improvement Fund,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Powers moved to recommit the bill to the Judiciary
Committee;

Which was agreed to and the bill was so recommitted.

Senate bill No. 40,

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

Was read the second time.

Upon motion, the further consideration of this bill was de-
ferred until to-morrow.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 172,

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

Was read the third time.

Mr. Mallory moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Which was not agreed to.

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

Which was not agreed to.

The question then was upon the passage of the bill.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cole, Delano, Dell, Judge, McKinnon, Polhill,
Powers, Robinson, Speer, Walker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Cone, Crill, Duncan, Hatcher,
Hendry, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, Niblack,
Sharpe, Thompson—14.

So the bill did not pass.

Substitute for Senate bill No. 35:

To be entitled an act to amend section 2 of an act entitled an act for the protection of ports, harbors, bays and rivers of this State and to repeal chapter 1900 of Laws of Florida,

Was read and upon motion of Mr. Mallory the amendments offered by the Assembly were concurred in and the bill ordered enrolled.

Assembly bill No. 142 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of John Broward,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cole, Cone, Crill, Hatcher, Lee, McKay, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Speer, Thompson and Walker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Hendry and McKinne—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Lee obtained leave and introduced—

Senate bill No. 177 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the protection of fisheries of this State ;

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

Mr. Crill obtained leave and introduced—

Senate bill No. 178 :

To be entitled an act to amend the first section of an act approved March 2, A. D. 1877, and entitled an act to regulate criminal proceedings before Justices of the Peace ;

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

Under a suspension of the rules, the following reports were made :

By the Committee on Enrolled Bills :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 15, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

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

Assembly bill No. 61, an act for the relief of Meredith B. Abernathy.

Assembly bill No. 153, an act to prevent the selling, as butter, of oleomargarine or any spurious preparation purporting to be butter.

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

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

Assembly memorial to Congress asking for an appropriation to clear out and make navigable the Aucilla and Wacissa rivers. Senate bill No. 19, an act to incorporate the Carrabelle and Thomasville Railroad Company.

Senate bill No. 41, an act to change the time for holding the Circuit Courts in the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Senate bill No. 32, an act relating to the arrest of fugitives from justice from other States.

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

Senate memorial to Congress asking for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail route from Madison, Fla., to Quitman, Ga.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER,

Chairman Senate Committee.

H. L. GRADY,

Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read.

By the Committee on Judiciary :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 15, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—Senate bill No. 88, to be entitled an act relating to the duties of Sheriffs and Clerks of the Circuit Courts in this State, Beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was read, and, upon motion of Mr. Niblack, further action on the accompanying bill was indefinitely postponed.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 15, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—Senate bill No. 64, to be entitled an act to prescribe the mode of foreclosing mortgages and enforcing liens securing debts or demands of one hundred dollars, and under, Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was read, and upon motion of Mr. Niblack, the accompanying bill was indefinitely postponed.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 15, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly bill No. 173, to be entitled an act to punish certain defalcations in money and property; also,

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; also,

Assembly bill No. 144, to be entitled an act to prevent gaming; also,

Senate bill No. 170, to be entitled an act fixing the time for holding the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit; also,

Senate bill No. 66, 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; also,

Senate bill No. 167, to be entitled an act in relation to commercial paper; also,

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' Court, approved February 27, 1875,

Beg leave to report that they have examined said bills and 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.

Mr. Crill, acting Chairman 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 this day deposited with the Governor for his action thereon the following bill: To be entitled an act relating

to the custody of persons charged with or convicted of crime.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,

Acting Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 15, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

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

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,

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.

Assembly bill No. 128:

To be entitled an act for the protection of parents and guardians, or other persons having the legal supervision of minors, Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to and the bill was so read.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Hatcher, Lee, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson—16.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Dell, Jones, Judge—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 173,

To be entitled an act to punish certain defalcations in money and property,

Was read the second time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 144,

To be entitled an act to prevent gaming,

Was read the second time and placed among the orders of the day for a third reading on to-morrow.

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 Justice's Courts, approved February 27, 1875,

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

Senate bill No. 84 :

To be entitled an act to prescribe the mode of foreclosing mortgages and enforcing liens, securing debts or demands of \$100 and under,

Was read the second time.

Upon motion the further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Senate bill No. 170 :

To be entitled an act fixing the times of holding the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit,

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

Senate bill No. 167 :

To be entitled an act in relation to commercial paper,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Mallory moved to amend by striking out section 3 of the bill ;

Which was agreed to, and ordered engrossed as amended for a third reading on to-morrow.

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,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Thompson 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, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Dell, Hatcher, Jones, Judge, Lee, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Speer, Thompson and Walker—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

By Mr. Chandler :

A petition from Ocala Division No. 5, Sons of Temperance,

Marion county, praying the Legislature to pass a local option liquor law ; also a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to minors and habitual drunkards, and making the sale to such persons a criminal offence.

Also the following :

A petition from numerous citizens of Marion county praying for the passage of a local option liquor law ;

Which were read and both petitions referred to the Committee on Temperance.

By Mr. Thompson :

Senate bill No. 179,

To be entitled an act to provide for the conveyance of the title of lands purchased by the State at tax sales ;

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

Also the following :

Senate bill No. 180,

To be entitled an act for the redemption of lands sold for taxes, and to quiet titles therefor ;

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

By Mr. Walker :

Senate bill No. 181,

To be entitled an act to prevent Federal interference with State elections ;

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

By Mr. Polhill :

Senate bill No. 182,

To be entitled an act to amend chapter 3099 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the collection of revenue ;

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

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,

Was read the second time.

Upon motion the bill was made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 10:30 o'clock.

Senate bill No. 153 :

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Jones, Judge, Mallory, McKay, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Speer, Thompson and Walker—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 161:

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Jones, Judge, Mallory, McKinnon, Polhill, Speer, Thompson and Walker—15.

Nays—Messrs. McKay and McKinne—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 160:

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Jones, Judge, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Polhill, Robinson, Speer, Thompson and Walker—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 157:

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cone, Dell, Hatcher, Jones, Judge, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Speer, Thompson and Walker—16.

Nays—None.

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 15, 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. 172, to be entitled an act for the better protection of public lands of the State of Florida, and to better secure the speedy construction of public works,

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 Public Lands.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 15, 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. 41, to be entitled an act for the relief of Robert Funke, M. D., O. E. Archer, James Summerville, Jeremiah Dynen, A. G. Andrews, J. E. Russell, James A. Barnes and N. McCollum,

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 Claims.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 15, 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. 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 incorporated, with an amendment,

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 Secretary was instructed to return the accompanying bill and amendment to the Assembly for correction.

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

Which was agreed to.
Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

CONFIRMATIONS.

N. C. Wainwright, to be Assessor of Taxes for Bradford county.

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 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, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Thompson, Walker and Willard—23.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The following bills were signed by the President and Secretary:

Assembly bill No. 61, an act for the relief of Meredith B. Abernathy.

Assembly bill No. 153, an act to prevent the selling, as butter, of oleomargarine or any other spurious preparation purporting to be butter.

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

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

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

Senate bill No. 19, an act to incorporate the Carrabelle and Thomasville Railroad Company.

Senate bill No. 41, an act to change the time for holding the Circuit Courts in the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Senate bill No. 32, an act relating to the arrest of fugitives from justice from other States.

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

Senate memorial to Congress asking for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail route from Madison, Florida, to Quitman, Georgia.

Joint resolution relative to adjournment at noon on the fourth of March next.

INTRODUCTION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, ETC.

Mr. Mallory presented the following:

A Petition from Foreign Consular Officers, of the Port of Pensacola.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Mallory:

Senate bill No. 183:

To be entitled an act to protect sailors and to prohibit persons engaged in the business of shipping sailors, and the agents of such persons, from boarding vessels and running thereon in the ports and harbors of the State without the consent of the masters of such vessels;

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

CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

To the Honorable the Senate of the State of Florida, in session assembled:

The petition of the undersigned foreign Consular officers of the port of Pensacola respectfully represents to your honorable body, that vessels arriving at this port are subjected to lawless and turbulent visits by a class known as sailor-runners at the most unreasonable hours, whereby the seamen are enticed from the vessels by a system of deceit and drugging, to the injury of legitimate commerce, and beneficial only to those who deal in such iniquitous practices. These visitors frequently board vessels when arriving, and the crew are needed for the management and safety of the vessels, and by their noisy and turbulent behavior destroy all ordinary ship discipline, and render the masters powerless, either to protect their crews or the vessel itself. Such practices have recently gone to the extent of abstracting seamen by force, violence or threats, and afterwards so secreting them that ordinary process of law fails to find them.

And humbly prays that your honorable body will enact such laws on the subject of boarding vessels, without the express