

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

permit of the master, as will give some adequate protection to shipmasters and owners.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

C. F. BEYSEN,  
Swedish and Norwegian Vice Consul.  
ALEX. GRANT,  
Consul of the Netherlands and Vice Consul of Russia.  
WM. MCKENZIE OERTING,  
Vice Consul of Denmark for the State of Florida.  
C. L. LE RAMOS,  
Consul for Spain and Portugal.  
R. PLOUJOIS,  
Acting as French Consul.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 16, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bill No. 171, to be entitled an act to amend section 80 of an act relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace and judgments of Justice's Courts, approved February 27, 1875; also,

Substitute for Senate bill 174, to be entitled an act to amend the first section of chapter 3138 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act repealing a uniform rate of fare upon railroads; also,

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

Senate bill No. 167, to be entitled on act in relation to commercial paper,

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.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 16, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

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; also,

Senate bill No. 176, 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,

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

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,  
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

The Committee on Privileges and Elections made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 16, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 181, to be entitled an act to prevent Federal interference with State elections,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and a majority recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

JOHN H. MCKINNE,  
Chairman.

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

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 16, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee, to whom was referred—

Assembly bill No. 170, to be entitled an act to repeal an act approved February 4, 1861, and entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peas creek, and to drain the swamp and over-

flowed lands thereon, and an act approved February 9, 1870, entitled an act to incorporate the Peas ~~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,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommed that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

JAMES MCKAY,

Chairman Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

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 16, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: The undersigned members of your committee to whom was referred Senate bill No. 128, entitled "an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company, and to grant certain lands to the same," respectfully beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that it pass with the amendments herewith submitted, to-wit:

In the 4th line of section 2, after the words "Escambia bay," insert the words, "at the City of Pensacola;" after the word "with" in the same line, same section, insert the word "a"; in same line, same section, rstrike out the letters "es" at the end of the word "branches" so as to change that word to "branch"; in the same line, same section, strike out the words "Fort Barrancas and."

In the 5th line of section 4, strike out the word "same" and insert the word "said" in lieu thereof.

In the 5th line of the 6th section, strike out the word "other."

In the 2nd line of section 8, strike out the word "express"; in the 4th line of section 8, strike out the words "and with Fort Barrancas."

In the 7th line of section 9, after the word "sworn," insert the words "by the Sheriff."

In the 11th line of section 9, strike out the word "four" and insert the word "ten" in lieu thereof.

In the 10th line of section 13, after the word "shall" strike out the following: "prevent such company from adopting such guage as it may choose," and insert the following, to-wit:

"authorize such company to issue bonds in any way secured by the Internal Improvement lands of this State."

In the 9th line of 17th section, before the word "Central" insert the following words: "Florida, Atlantic and Gulf."

Insert the following as section 20 of said act: "Sec. 20. That said Railroad Company shall not charge passenger fare at a greater rate than five (5) cents per mile for each passenger transported over its line, and any officer or agent of said railroad violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not less than twenty, nor more than one hundred dollars."

Insert the following as section 21 of said act: "Sec. 21. That if the incorporators named and referred to in the first section of this act shall fail within the time limited in this act to comply with the terms and requirements relating to the filing of the survey of the route with the Board of Trustees, or those relating to the paying off by said Railroad Company of one half the indebtedness now existing against the Internal Improvement Fund, then, and in that case, any other corporation or individual that will within six months after the expiration of the time limited by this act for the performance of these requirements, perform the same, shall be entitled to receive and enjoy all the benefits conferred by this act."

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,  
GEO. W. ALLEN.

Also the following minority report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 16, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—Senate bill No. 128,

Beg leave to make the following minority report: That having carefully examined said bill, recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments:

In Section 13 strike out all after the fourth line.

Strike out all of Sections 17 and 18, and place in lieu thereof as follows:

"Sec. 17. That in consideration of the benefits that will accrue to the State from the construction of said railroad the State of Florida hereby grants to said Company, in addition to the alternate sections as provided for in Section 13 of this act, one million acres of land; *Provided, however,* That all lands obtained by said railroad, as provided for in Section 16 of this

act, shall constitute a portion of the one million acres so granted, and that no lands shall be selected or vested in said Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company farther east than the Suwannee river."

That Section 19 be numbered Section 18.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO,  
Acting Chairman.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 16, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: The undersigned member of the Committee on Railroads and Canals has had under consideration Senate bill No. 128, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company, and to grant certain lands to the same,

Begs leave to report as follows:

In section 13, lines 5, 6 and 7, strike out the words "provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent such company from adopting such gauge as it may choose." In section 17, lines 2 and 3, strike out the words "and to aid in releasing the indebtedness now existing against the Internal Improvement Fund." In line 4, same section, strike out "five" and insert "two." Strike out all of section 17 after "1850" in line 5 to "of lands" in line 20, and insert "provided, however, that the lands granted under this section are not to vest until they shall be released from the indebtedness existing against said trust fund, it being the purpose of this section to grant the residuary interest of the State in the lands granted by said act of September 28, 1850, after satisfaction has been made of said indebtedness to the extent or in the quantity indicated hereby to aid said railroad company, and, provided further, that the lands granted by section 16 of this act shall constitute a portion of the two million acres granted by this section. Strike out section 18. In line 4, section 19, strike out "seven years" and insert "five years." In line 28, section 17, strike out 5 and insert 2. Strike out all after "railroad company" in line 29, section 17.

Very respectfully,

W. N. THOMPSON.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 16, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bill No. 14, to be entitled an act to establish a Department of Agriculture for the State of Florida,

Have had the same under careful consideration and recommend that the same do not pass.

Very respectfully,

J. B. DELL, Chairman.

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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 third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cole, Mallory, McKay, McKinnon and Thompson—6.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, McKinne, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Walker, Wallace and Willard—17.

So the bill was lost.

Mr. Delano moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was just lost, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table;

Which was agreed to.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 1881.)

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

An act relating to the custody of persons charged with or convicted of crime.

An act for the better protection of passengers on railroad cars and the employees of railroad companies.

An act to incorporate the Lake George Cemetery Association.

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, Florida.

An act for the relief of Caroline Jones, of Suwannee county.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM, Governor.

Which was read.

Mr. Jones, of the Committee on Fisheries, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 16, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Fisheries to whom was referred—Senate bill No. 177, have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. J. JONES,

Chairman Committee on Fisheries.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 16, 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. 19, an act to incorporate the Carrabelle and Thomasville Railroad Company; also,

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

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

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

Senate memorial to Congress to establish a mail route from Madison, Florida, to Quitman, Georgia.

Very respectfully,

J. C. WALKER, Chairman.

Which was read.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 177:

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

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

Senate bill No. 181:

To be entitled an act to prevent Federal interference at State elections,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Walker moved to amend as follows:

Strike out in 22nd line, first section, "nor more than 100 yards."

The question was upon the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Mallory, McKinne, Niblack, Polhill, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker and Willard—16.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Delano, Lee, Robinson and Wallace—6.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Chandler moved to amend by striking out the second section of the bill.

Mr. Delano moved as a substitute to the amendment the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Mallory moved to lay the motion to indefinitely postpone on the table.

The yeas and nays were called for.

There not being a quorum voting, the President ordered a call of the Senate.

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

Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace, Willard—24.

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed the consideration of the motion to lay the motion to indefinitely postpone on the table.

The roll was called.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Jones, Judge, Mallory, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Willard—15.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Delano, Hatcher, Hendry, Lee, Wallace—7.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill was laid upon the table.

The question was upon the amendment to strike out Section 2 of the bill.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Delano, Lee and Wallace—5.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker and Willard—19.

So the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Chandler moved to postpone further action on the bill until the 4th of March next at five minutes to 12 o'clock M.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Delano, Lee and Wallace—5.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker and Willard—19.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the bill be recommitted to the Judiciary Committee;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Niblack obtained leave and introduced—

Senate bill No. 184:

To be entitled an act to amend the sixth section of an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of electors and the holding of elections, approved August 6, 1868;

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

Assembly bill No. 144:

To be entitled an act to suppress gaming,

Was read the third time.

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

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

Assembly bill No. 173:

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McKay, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Willard—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill 144:

To be entitled an act to suppress gaming,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Mallory offered to amend as follows:

At the end of section 1—*Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prohibit persons engaged in any business now licensed by the laws of Florida from conducting the same until the expiration for their license therefor;

Which was adopted.

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

Which was agreed to.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Delano, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McKay, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Willard—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 176:

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,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Crill offered to amend the title to the bill as follows:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 6th section of an act entitled an act to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of an act to amend sections 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of an act entitled an act to fix and regulate the fees and per diem of certain officers herein designated, approved February 14th, 1874, approved March 2d, 1877;

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

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,

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

Assembly bill No. 170:

To be entitled an act to repeal an act approved February 4th, 1861, and entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peace creek and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon, and an act approved February 9th, 1870, entitled an act to incorporate the Peace Creek Immigrant and Agricultural Society, and to provide for the sale of 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,

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 16, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Agriculture who was instructed to prepare a bill upon that subject, beg leave to report that they have had the subject of the establishment of an Agricultural Bureau under considerable consideration, and are at a loss to know how to make the same operative so as to be of commensurate benefit to the State, and respectfully ask that we be relieved from further action as a Committee upon that subject, and suggest that a new Committee be appointed to consider the same.

Very respectfully,

J. B. DELL, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

Senate bill No. 128:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company, and to grant certain lands to the same,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Mallory moved to adopt the amendments offered in the report of the Committee signed by himself and Mr. Allen.

Pending the discussion, it was moved that the Senate adjourn until 4 o'clock:

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

#### FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

##### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called.

A quorum present.

The Senate resumed the consideration of Senate bill No. 128, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company, and to grant certain lands to the same.

The question was upon the motion to spread the three reports

of the Committee upon the journal, and that the bill be laid over until to-morrow.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Jones, Lee, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—12.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne and Polhill—10.

So the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 14:

To be entitled an act to establish a Department of Agriculture for the State of Florida,

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to and the bill was so postponed.

##### THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 170:

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cole, Cone, Crill, Dell, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Substitute for Senate bill No. 174:

To be entitled an act to amend the first section of 3138 Laws of Florida, entitled an act prescribing a uniform rate of fare upon railroads,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cole, Cone, Crill, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKinnon, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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 third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cone, Crill, Dell, Hendry, Jones, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Willard—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 167,

To be entitled an act in relation to commercial paper,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cole, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Thompson—6.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Dell, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McKinnon, Sharpe, Speer, Wallace, Willard—12.

So the bill was lost.

Senate bill No. 40,

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

Was read the second time, and, upon motion of Mr. McClellan, was withdrawn.

The following messages were received from the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 16, 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. 150, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Monticello & Georgia Railroad Company,

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 was placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 16, 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. 144, to be entitled an act to legalize the town government of the town of Quincy, 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 16, 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. 62, to be entitled an act relating to the landlords' lien, for what and upon what it exists.

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 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. 164, to be entitled an act to locate the county site of Holmes county, and to prevent controversy thereon.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read.

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

Which was agreed to.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cole, Cone, Crill, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Wallace, Willard—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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. 196, to be entitled an act, for the protection of live stock,

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 16, 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. 201, to be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by Martin L. Douglass and his wife Martha Jane Douglass,

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 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Thompson obtained leave and offered the following petition :

*To the Legislature of Florida :*

We, a portion of the citizens of Leon county, Fla., beg leave to submit to the honorable body of the Assembly of the State of Florida now in session a petition asking the consideration of your honorable body in the matter of abolishing the law or act requiring legal fences, and ask that said act be repealed, and allow the land-holders of said county to vote only in the matter of fence or no fence, for divers reasons on the account of the burden and expenses of keeping up fences. And we further claim that the stock in the county is not worth

anything like the expenses incurred for their maintenance, compelling owners of stock to keep them up.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

R. L. SMITH, and others.

Which was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

At 5 o'clock the Senate went into Executive Session.

At 5:15 the doors were opened.

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

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

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 17, 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, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker 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.

Mr. McClenny was excused until Monday.

Mr. Duncan was excused on account of sickness.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced :

By Mr. Walker :

Senate bill No. 185 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Henry Bernreuter;

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

By Mr. Bryson :

Senate bill No. 186 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Robert F. Allison of Suwannee county, Florida;