

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of your honorable body in the matter of abolishing the law or act requiring legal fences, and ask that said act be repealed, and allow the land-holders of said county to vote only in the matter of fence or no fence, for divers reasons on the account of the burden and expenses of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;

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

By Mr. Niblack :

Senate bill No. 187 :

To be entitled an act to grant certain lands to the East Florida Railway Company ;

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

By Mr. Thompson :

Senate bill No. 188 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of George D. Gilchrist ;

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

By Mr. Speer :

Senate bill No. 189 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Land and Colonization Company ;

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

The following communication was received from the Governor :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
TALLAHASSEE, February 17, 1881. }

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*Lieutenant Governor :*

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

An act relating to the arrest of fugitives from justice from other States.

An act for the relief of A. Moseley, Sheriff of Leon county.

An act to fix the time for holding the Circuit Courts in the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

An act to incorporate the Carrabelle and Thomasville Railroad Company.

Memorial to Congress asking for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail route from Madison, Florida, to Quitman, Georgia, via Cherry Lake, Florida.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM, Governor.

Which was read.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 17, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

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

Engrossed Senate amendment to Assembly bill No. 144, to be entitled an act to prevent gaming,

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

Very respectfully,

WM. JUDGE, Acting Chairman.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 17, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

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

Senate bill No. 177, to be entitled an act to provide for the protection of fisheries of this State ; also,

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 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,

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

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, JR.,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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

Mr. Niblack, Chairman of the Public Lands Committee, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 17, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 71, to be entitled an act amending and supplementary to an act to punish trespass upon the public lands, and to provide for the appointment of Timber Agents, and defining their powers and duties, approved March 6, 1877,

Have considered the same, and beg leave to return the bill without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,  
Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill 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 the Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Assembly bill No. 59, to be entitled an act for the payment of costs adjudged against the State of Florida by the Supreme Court, have examined the same, and, when amended by adding Section 3, herewith enclosed, recommend the bill do pass.

Also, Assembly bill No. 98, to be entitled an act relating to actions at law, and to authorize married women to execute bonds and undertakings in such actions. We recommend that Section 2 be stricken out, and when so amended we recommend the passage of the bill.

Also, 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; have examined the same and recommend its passage.

Also, Senate bill No. 90, to be entitled an act to enlarge the equity jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida; also, Senate bill No. 155, an act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled an act regulating the mode of suing out writs of error and prosecuting appeals in the Court of Appeals of the Territory of Florida, approved February 10, 1832; also, Senate bill No. 184, an act to amend the 6th Section of an act to provide for the registration of electors and the holding of elections, approved August 6, 1868; have examined the same and recommend that they do pass.

We recommend that Senate bill No. 76, an act to amend Chapter 1693 (No. 9), approved February 1, 1869, entitled an

act to amend an act to provide for the punishment of crime, and proceedings in criminal cases, do not pass.

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,  
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

Mr. Walker made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 17, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Special Committee, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 134, to be entitled an act for the protection of fisheries, and for other purposes,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass, with the accompanying amendment :

At the end of Section 3 insert: " And provided, furthermore, That the provisions of this act shall not allow to any one fishery more than one and one-half miles of coast front."

Very respectfully,

J. B. WALKER,  
Chairman.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 128,

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company,

Was, upon motion, read by sections and amended as follows :

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, strike 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 same line, same section, after the word "line," strike out the words "west of the Escambia river." Add to section 2, "and from Marianna in Jackson county to the waters of St. Andrew's Bay, in Washington county."

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 section 6 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.

Strike out all of line 5 after the word "branches;" strike out all of lines 6 and 7, and strike out the words, "and the amendments thereto," in the 9th line of Section 13.

Strike out the last proviso of Section 13, which reads as follows: "Provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent such company from adopting such gauge as it may choose," and insert in lieu thereof: "Provided, further, That said company shall not be required to construct its road with iron of greater weight than fifty pounds to the lineal yard."

In line 26, section 17, after the word "company," insert: "Provided, That the lands selected or granted to aid in the construction of said Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company shall be selected west of the Suwannee river, nearest the line of road. *Provided, further,* That if said land so granted cannot be found west of said Suwannee river, then the remainder shall be selected nearest said line of road completed."

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

Strike out Section 18.

Insert the following as Section 19 of said act: "Sec. 19. 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 of not less than twenty, nor more than one hundred dollars."

Insert the following as Section 20 of said act: "Sec. 20. 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."

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

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 17, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

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 this State, without the consent of the masters of such vessels,

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 17, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 116, to be entitled an act to have harbor masters of this State appointed by the Governor,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass with the accompanying amendment.

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 Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 17, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bill No 168, to be entitled "an act to authorize Peter Thompson, of Levy county, to take charge of and manage his estate," respectfully beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that it pass with the following amendment, to-wit: after the word "years" in the 8th line of the first section insert, "and shall be responsible for all

legal liabilities as fully and in the same manner as if he were twenty-one years of age."

Very respectfully,  
S. L. NIBLACK,  
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

Upon motion the Senate adjourned until half-past three o'clock.

### HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called.

A quorum present.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 17, 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—

Senate bill No. 105, to be entitled an act to regulate the sale and use of distilled spirituous liquors with amendments thereto,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read.

Mr. McKinne moved that the consideration of the amendments offered by the Assembly be postponed until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Robinson moved, as a substitute to the motion, that the consideration be laid over until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Mr. McKinne moved to lay the substitute on the table ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Robinson moved to lay the motion of Mr. McKinne on the table ;

Which was lost.

Mr. McKinne then moved that the further consideration of the bill be laid over until Friday week.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Cole, Cole, Dell, Hendry, Jones, Mallory, McClellan, McKinne and Wallace—7.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Crill, Delano and Pc.hill—4.

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

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

Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Mallory, McClellan, McKinne, McKinnon, Polhill, Robinson, Thompson and Wallace—19.

A quorum answering, the Senate resumed the consideration of the motion to postpone further action on Senate bill No. 105.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Year—Messrs. Bryson, Cole, Cone, Dell, Jones, Judge, Mallory, McClellan, McKinne, Thompson and Wallace—11.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Crill, Delano, Hatcher, Hendry, Lee, McKinnon, Polhill, Robinson and Sharpe—10.

So the motion to postpone was agreed to.

Mr. Bryson moved to reconsider the vote just taken and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Cole, Cone, Dell, Jones, Judge, Mallory, McClellan, McKinne and Wallace—10.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Crill, Delano, Hatcher, Hendry, Lee, McKinnon, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe and Thompson—11.

So the motion to reconsider and lay upon the table was lost.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 134 :

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

Was read the second time.

Mr. Walker moved that the amendments offered by the committee be adopted ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mallory moved to amend as follows : Insert in 8th line of section 1, after the words " benefit to " the following words, " a point opposite the shore line of said fishery, whereat the water is not more than eight feet in depth ; "

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

Senate bill No. 71:

To be entitled an act amending and supplementary to an act to punish trespass upon the public lands, and to provide for the appointment of timber agents, and defining their powers and duties, approved March 6, 1877,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Robinson moved that the further consideration of the bill be laid over until the 23d inst.;

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

Assembly bill No. 98:

To be entitled an act relating to actions at law, and to authorize married women to execute bonds and undertakings in such actions,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Thompson moved that the amendments offered by the committee be adopted;

Which was agreed to and the bill laid over for a third reading on to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 59:

To be entitled an act for the payment of costs adjudged against the State of Florida by the Supreme Court,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Thompson moved to adopt the amendments offered by the committee;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon 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. Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Hatcher, Hendry, Lee, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace, Willard—21.

Nays—Mr. Jones—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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.

Mr. Lee moved that the bill be laid over for the present;

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

Senate bill No. 76:

To be entitled an act to amend Chapter 1693 (No. 9), approved February 1, 1869, entitled an act to

provide for the punishment of crime, and proceedings in criminal cases,

Was read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to and the bill was so postponed.

Senate Bill 116:

To be entitled an act to have Harbor Masters of the State appointed by the Governor,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Thompson moved to adopt the amendments offered by the Committee;

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

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 remaining thereon in the Ports and Harbors of this State, without the consent of the masters of such vessels,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Mallory 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. Allen, Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Crill, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Willard—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 155:

To be entitled an act to amend sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled an act regulating the mode of suing out writs of error and prosecuting appeals in the Court of Appeals in the territory of Florida, approved February 10, 1832,

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

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,

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

Senate bill No. 90:

To be entitled an act to enlarge the equity jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida,

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

Senate bill No. 168 :

To be entitled an act to authorize Peter Thompson, of Levy county, to take charge of and manage his estate,

Was read the second time.

Upon motion, the amendments offered by the Committee were adopted, and the bill as amended ordered engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

#### THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 176 :

To be entitled an act to amend the sixth 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 to fix and regulate the fees and per diem of certain officers herein designated, approved February 14, 1874, approved March 2, 1877,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Hatcher, Judge, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack and Thompson—9.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Cone, Crill, Dell, Hendry, Jones, Lee, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Wallace and Willard—13.

So the bill was lost.

Senate bill No. 177 :

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 178 :

A bill 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 third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Mallory, Mc-

Clellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharp, Speer, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—24.

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 17, 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. 119, to be entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes upon improvements on the public lands, and for the protection of occupying claimants of said lands with amendments thereto,

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, the amendments proposed by the Assembly were concurred in 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—

Assembly bill No. 181, to be entitled an act for the relief of Albert Fries, of Duval county, Florida; also,

Assembly bill No. 166, to be entitled an act for the relief of Peter Goss,

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 bills referred to the Committee on Claims.

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. 202, to be entitled an act for the restoration to rights of citizenship of Augustine Waldren, of Manatee county ; also,

Senate bill No. 34, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Live Oak and Rowland's Bluff Railroad Company.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read and the accompanying Assembly bill, No. 202, was referred to the Committee on Claims, and, upon motion of Mr. Bryson, the amendment proposed by the Assembly to the accompanying Senate bill, No. 34, was concurred in and the 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—

Assembly bill No. 174, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to repeal an act to provide for the redemption of lands sold for taxes, approved March 7th, 1877, and to dispose of lands sold for taxes and bought by the State or any county ;

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 Finance and Taxation.

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. 45, to be entitled an act authorizing limited partnerships, 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. Bryson, the accompanying bill and proposed amendments were laid over until the 21st inst.

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. 184, to be entitled an act for the relief of Robert B. Savage of Brevard county Florida ; also passed

Assembly bill No. 198, to be entitled an act to authorize the Governor to appoint a Chaplain for the convict camp ;

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read and the accompanying Assembly bill No. 184 was referred to the Committee on Claims, and the accompanying bill No. 198 was referred to the Committee on State Institutions.

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. 167 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act providing for setting apart a homestead and personal property to be exempted from forced sale under process of law, approved June 23d, 1869 ; and to repeal a portion of Chapter 1944, approved February 24, A. D. 1873,

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—

Senate memorial to Congress asking for an appropriation to erect a Light House at or near Mosquito Inlet on the coast of Florida.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read and the accompanying memorial 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—

Assembly bill No. 180, to be entitled an act to amend sections two, three and four of an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Johns and Lake Eustice Railway Company, approved February 20, 1879, and respectfully request the concurrence of Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read and the accompanying bill referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 17, 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 re-incorporated, with amendments, 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 the Senate concur in the first amendment offered by the Assembly ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Thompson moved that the Senate refuse to concur in the second amendment offered by the Assembly, and that the Assembly be requested to recede therefrom ;

Which was also agreed to and the Secretary was ordered to certify the same to the Assembly.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 17, 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. 71 :

To be entitled an act to amend Section four of an act approved February 27, 1872, entitled an act allowing the voters of the several counties in this State to locate their respective county sites ;

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.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 17, 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. 186 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate a company and to facilitate the construction and equipment of Railroad from Green Cove Springs, upon the St. Johns river, in Clay county, to the town or village of Melrose, in Alachua county, under the style of the Green Cove Springs and Melrose Railroad Company,

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read and the accompanying bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 17, 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. 28, to be entitled an act to require stevedores to pay a license tax,

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.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 17, 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. 197, to be entitled an act for the relief of Henry J. Stewart, of Hamilton county, Florida; also,

Assembly bill No. 200, to be entitled an act to prescribe the manner in which counties shall sue and be sued,

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 197 was referred to the Committee on Claims, and the accompanying bill No. 200 was 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. 155, to be entitled an act in relation to the custody, feeding and maintenance of persons charged with or found guilty of crime, offence or contempt of court,

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 17, 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 to Congress for a mail route from Cedar Keys, in Levy county, Fla., via the waters of the Withlacoochee river and Panasofkee lake to Sumterville, in Sumter county, Fla., and Mallard's mills, on the Withlacoochee river; also,

Assembly memorial to Congress asking for a mail route from Fort Duncan, in Brevard county, to Fort Bassenger, in Manatee county.

Very respectfully,

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

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

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 concurred in—

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

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read.

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 concurred in the report of the Committee of Conference relative to Senate amendments to

Assembly bill No. 14, to be entitled an act to prevent illegal voting in this State.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read.

Mr. McKinne obtained leave and introduced:  
Senate bill No. 190:

To be entitled an act to authorize the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to protect the interest of the said fund by becoming a bidder and purchaser of the railroads from Lake City to Quincy, and the branches to Monticello and from Tallahassee to St. Marks, should the same be sold as provided in the seventh clause of the decree in the case of J. Fred Schutte and other complainants vs. the Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad Company, the Florida Central Railroad Company and others, defendants, and for other purposes;

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

Mr. Niblack obtained leave and introduced—  
Senate bill No. 191:

To be entitled an act to limit the lien of judgments and executions;

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

Mr. Willard obtained leave and introduced—  
Senate bill No. 192:

To be entitled an act to regulate the mode of excepting to the charges of the Circuit Court Judges and Juries,

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

On motion the Senate went into Executive session at 5:40 o'clock.

At 6:10 the doors were opened.

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

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

S. E. Timmons, to be Assessor of Taxes for Putnam county.

FRIDAY, February 18, 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, McClellan, McKay, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace, Willard—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Mr. Cone moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 176, 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 to fix and regulate the fees and per diem of certain officers herein designated, approved February 14, 1874, approved March 2, 1877, was lost yesterday;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was so reconsidered and placed among the orders of the day.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, MEMORIALS, ETC.

Mr. Lee introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 11 of an act entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the creation of corporations, and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities, and to re-enact and amend the sections repealed by said act, approved March 11, 1879, requiring all corporations to make report annually to the State Comptroller as to the facts asked for in the accompanying resolution; therefore,

*Be it resolved,* That the Comptroller is requested to furnish, for the information of the Senate, before the adjournment of this Legislature, the name and style of all banking corporations doing business in this State that have complied with the laws governing such corporations, the names of the officers of such corporations, the name and residence of each shareholder with the number of shares belonging to him, and the par and cash market value, the whole amount of capital stock of, and the amount actually paid in, and the real estate subject to assessment for taxes, and the personal estate of said corporations, as set forth in their last annual report to the office of the State Comptroller;

Which was read and adopted.