

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.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced

By Mr. McKinnon :

Senate bill No. 193 :

A bill to be entitled an act for levying a tax for the years 1881 and 1882,

Was read the first time by its title, and, upon motion, was placed among the orders of the day for a second reading.

By Mr. Delano :

Senate bill No. 194 :

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Spring Garden and St. Johns Improvement Company ;

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

By Mr. Willard :

Senate bill No. 195 :

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Midland and Georgia Railroad Company, and to grant certain lands to the same ;

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

By Mr. Crill :

Senate bill No. 196 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the sale of personal property levied upon by virtue of a writ of attachment, or a writ of *feri facias* issued from any of the Circuit Courts of this State where said property is of a perishable nature ;

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

Mr. McKinne moved that—

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 others, complainants vs. the Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad Company, the Florida Central Railroad Company and others, defendants, and for other purposes ; which was introduced by himself yesterday, be returned by the Judiciary Committee to whom it was referred, and that 150 copies be ordered printed for the use of the Senate and Assembly ;

Which was agreed to and the bill was returned and it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Bryson, of the special committee appointed to accompany Hon. Hugh A. Corley and obtain information regarding the indebtedness of the Internal Improvement Fund, submitted the following report and statement :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 18, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—The joint committee of the Senate and Assembly appointed to go to Jacksonville to obtain information regarding the indebtedness of the Internal Improvement Fund, beg leave to report that they proceeded to Jacksonville, and in company with Hon. H. A. Corley called on Judge A. Doggett and obtained all the information of amounts in his possession, a tabulated statement of which they herewith present as part of their report.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, JR.,

Chairman Committee.

GEO. MARQUIS.

J. M. BRYAN.

STATEMENT of the amount of coupons of bonds of the railroad companies guaranteed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, which have been filed in court and verified as reported by A. Doggett, Special Master, with interest on the coupons from maturity, the payments made thereon, and the balance now due.

Railroad Company.	Amount of coupons.	Interest on coupons.	Total principal and interest.	Payments made.	Balance due.
Florida.....	\$300,615 00	\$227,664 77	\$528,279 77	\$75,813 59	\$452,466 18
F., A. and G. C.	95,620 00	95,537 88	191,157 88	63,149 46	128,008 42
P. and G.....	130,728 50	94,406 44	225,134 94	23,889 47	201,245 47
Tallahassee.....	19,288 50	15,858 05	35,146 55	8,791 71	26,354 84
Total.....	\$646,252 00	\$433,467 14	\$979,719 14	\$171,644 23	\$808,074 91

Of the foregoing there is due to the estate of

Francis Vose..... \$404,677 68.
To other creditors..... 403,397 23.

The expense account allowed Mr. Vose is as follows :

Under order of Court of February 15, 1878. \$33,687 80
Under order of Court of December 3, 1879, with interest..... 60,134 96:

Total..... \$93,822 76

On which has been paid..... 56,329 25

Balance claimed as due..... \$37,493 51

Which was read.

Mr. McKay moved that the report be received, and that 250 copies be ordered printed for the use of the Senate and Assembly;

Which was agreed to, and it was so ordered.

The Committee on Railroads made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 18, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The undersigned members of the Committee on Railroads and Canals to whom was referred Senate bill No. 146, an act to encourage the construction of canals, improve the navigation of creeks, facilitate transportation, promote immigration and the reclamation, settlement and cultivation of State lands, have examined the same and recommend its passage when amended as per amendments herewith.

Very respectfully,

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

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

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 18, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 164, entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act concurring forcible entry and detainer, approved February 1, 1869," respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 18, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 70, to be entitled an act to amend an act apportioning the State into Congressional Districts, approved February 18, 1874,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and offer a substitute bill for the same and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

J. G. SPEER,
Chairman.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 105:

To be entitled an act to regulate the sale and use of distilled spirituous liquors,

Was read.

Mr. Robinson moved that the vote by which the bill was postponed until Friday next be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Robinson moved that further action on the bill be postponed, and that it be made a special order of the day for 11 o'clock Wednesday next;

Which was agreed to.

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, and, upon motion, the bill was placed back upon its second reading.

Mr. Mallory moved to amend by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting the words "seventy-five."

Mr. Shape moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "seventy-five" and inserting "one hundred."

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Dell, Jones, McKinne, Robinson and Sharpe

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinnon, Polhill, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace and Willard—21.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Willard moved to amend as follows :

That the County Commissioners shall receive two dollars for each day's service and five cents per mile for each mile actually traveled in going to and from the court-house: *Provided*, That their per diem pay shall not exceed twenty-five dollars each per annum.

Mr. McKinne offered to amend the amendment as follows :

Strike out "twenty-five dollars" and insert "fifty dollars."

Mr. Delano moved to lay the amendments on the table ;

Which was agreed to.

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 Peace creek, and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon, and an act approved February 9, 1870, entitled an act to incorporate the Peace 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,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Willard—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

Be it resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That no new business shall be introduced at this session after the 25th day of February without the unanimous consent of both houses ;

Which was read the first time, and upon motion, was read the second and third times and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, McKinne, Polhill, Speer, Thompson and Wallace—18.

Nays—Messrs. McKay, Robinson, Sharpe and Willard—4.

So the joint resolution passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Judge obtained leave and introduced :

Senate bill 198 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act making county Treasurers the Treasurers of the School Funds in their respective counties, approved February 27, 1877 ;

Which was read the first time by its title, and, upon motion, was read a second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Also,

Senate bill No. 199 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 2 of an act to provide for the revenue for common schools, in accordance with the Constitution, approved June 24, 1869 ;

Which was read the first time by its title, and, upon motion of Mr. Thompson, was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Also,

Senate bill No. 200 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide a revenue for the support of common schools, approved February 16, 1879 ;

Which was read the first time by its title, and, upon motion, was read the second time and laid upon the table subject to call.

Also,

Senate bill No. 201 :

To be entitled an act to amend sections 3, 5, 6, 13, 16, 20, 32, 41 and 47, and to repeal sections 27, 38 and 39 of Chapter 1686 of the Laws of Florida ;

Which was read the first time by its title and, upon motion, one hundred and fifty copies of the bill ordered printed for the use of the Assembly, and the bill laid on the table subject to call.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 18, 1881.

HON L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

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

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,

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

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read, and upon motion of Mr. McKinnon, the accompanying bill was taken up, read a third time and put upon its passage.

Mr. Delano moved to put the bill back upon its second reading for the purpose of amendment.

Mr. McKinne moved to lay Mr. Delano's motion on the table. The yeas and nays were call for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cone, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Walker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Jones, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Wallace—10.

So the motion to lay upon the table was carried.

The question was then upon the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cone, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Walker, Wallace and Willard—17.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer and Thompson—8.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Upon motion, the Senate took a recess until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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, Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace—22.

A quorum present.

The Senate resumed the consideration of bills upon their second reading.

Senate bill No. 146 :

To be entitled an act to encourage the construction of canals, improve the navigation of creeks, facilitate transportation, promote immigration and the reclamation, settlement and cultivation of State lands,

Was read, and upon motion, the further consideration of the bill was laid upon the table, subject to call.

Senate bill No. 164 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act concerning forcible entry and detainer, approved February 1, 1869,

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

Senate bill No. 193 :

To be entitled an act for levying a tax for the years 1881 and 1882,

Was laid over for further consideration on to-morrow.

Substitute for Senate bill No. 70 ;

To be entitled an act to amend an act apportioning the State into Congressional Districts, approved February 18, 1874,

Was read by its title, and upon motion, further action was deferred until to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 179 :

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

Upon motion, the bill was made the special order of the day for to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock.

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 third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cone, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, Robinson, Thompson, Walker and Wallace—13.

Nays—Messrs. Dell, McClellan, McKinnon, Polhill, Sharpe and Speer—6.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Mallory moved to amend the title so as to read as follows :

To be entitled an act to authorize the real parties in interest to bring and maintain suits at law in their own names in certain cases ;

Which was adopted, and the title was so amended.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 18, 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. 210, to be entitled an act to confirm the organization of the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax River Railway Company, and to grant certain ferry privileges and lands to said 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 referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Chandler obtained leave and introduced—

Senate bill No. 204:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Charles James, of Marion county, Florida.

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

Mr. Walker obtained leave and introduced—

Senate bill No. 205:

To be entitled an act to prevent frauds upon travelers;

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

Also,

Senate bill No. 206:

To be entitled an act for the relief of P. W. White, late Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of this State;

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

Mr. Willard obtained leave and introduced—

Senate bill No. 207:

To be entitled an act for the relief of the Tallahassee Manufactory;

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

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 18, 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. 7, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to grant certain lands to the Tampa, Peace Creek and St. Johns River Railroad Company, approved March 4, 1879, the same being chapter 3168 of the Laws of Florida, 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 offered by the Assembly were concurred in and the bill ordered enrolled.

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

At 5:20 the doors were opened.

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

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Alexander St. Clair-Abrams, to be State Attorney, Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Hamilton McPhaul, to be Assessor of Taxes for Gadsden county.

R. M. Morgan, to be Collector of Revenue for Gadsden county.

SATURDAY, February 19, 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,
27s