

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

Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Mallory, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

On motion, Mr. McClellan was excused.

On motion, Mr. Walker was excused.

On motion, Willie Beard, the page, was excused on account of sickness.

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

Mr. Sharpe offered a resolution in regard to the appointment of a committee.

Mr. Niblack offered a resolution authorizing the Governor and Comptroller to enter suits against certain railroad companies.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. McKay:

Senate bill 208:

To be entitled an act providing for the drawing of Jurors and prescribing the qualification of Grand Jurors:

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, There are several Railroad Companies in this State operating between four and five hundred miles of road, of the estimate value of five million dollars;

And, whereas, said companies refuse to pay taxes on said railroad property, claiming that said roads are exempt from taxation under the provisions of the act commonly called the Internal Improvement Act of 1855;

And, whereas, it is believed by lawyers, whose opinions are entitled to respect, that the guarantee as to taxation given under that act, only extended the exemption from taxation to the original companies owning said roads, and did not pass with the roads into the hands of the present owners; therefore,

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

1. That the Governor and Comptroller be, and they are hereby required to institute legal proceedings against said railroad companies who have refused to pay taxes on their railroad property, and test the validity of the claims of said

companies of their exemption from taxation, and if necessary to take the case to the highest courts in the land.

2. The Governor and Comptroller are hereby authorized to employ counsel to prosecute said legal proceedings, whose compensation other than necessary expenses, shall be contingent upon and paid out of the money which may and shall be realized, whether by State or counties, from taxes now due and to become due for the year 1881, as the result and consequences of the labor and services of such counsel; the said compensation not to exceed fifteen per cent. of the amount so collected.

3. The sum of one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of said suits, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the same.

Was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Sharpe:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to investigate and inquire into the management of the Internal Improvement Funds and interests connected therewith of this State by the Trustees thereof, and report to this body at as early a day as possible;

Which was read and adopted.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Sharpe, McKay and McKinnon.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 186, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Robert F. Allison, of Suwannee county, Fla.; also,

Assembly bill No. 197, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Henry J. Stewart, of Hamilton county, Fla.; also,

Assembly bill No. 184, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Robert Savage, of Brevard county, Fla.; also,

Assembly bill No. 202, a bill to be entitled an act for restoration to rights of citizenship of Augustine Waldren; also,

Assembly bill No. 40, to be entitled an act for the relief of Robert Funke, M. D., O. E. Archer, James Summerville, Jeremiah Dynen, A. G. Andrews, J. E. Russell, James A. Barnes and H. McCollum; also,

Senate bill No. 124, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William Marson; also,

Senate bill No. 204, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Charles James, of Marion county, Florida,  
 Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,  
 J. G. SPEER,  
 Chairman Committee.

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

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Claims to whom was referred—  
 Senate bill No. 188, a bill for the relief of Geo. D. Gilchrist,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find it is not a charge against the State; therefore recommend that it do not pass; also,

Senate bill No. 207, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Tallahassee Manufactory and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,  
 J. G. SPEER,  
 Chairman.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

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

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

Senate bill No. 90, entitled "an act to enlarge the equity jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida;" also,

Senate bill No. 155, entitled "an act to amend section one and two 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;" also,

Senate bill No. 168, entitled "an act to authorize Peter

Thompson, of Levy county, to take charge of and manage his estate; also,

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

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. Delano, of the Committee on Railroads and Canals, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads and Canals, to whom was referred—

Assembly bill No. 186, beg leave to report that having carefully examined said bill recommend that it do pass with the accompanying amendments.

Very respectfully,  
 CHAS. DELANO, Acting Chairman.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Railroads and Canals, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 194,

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

Very respectfully,  
 CHAS. DELANO,  
 Acting Chairman.

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

Mr. Crill, Chairman of the Committee on Immigration, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Immigration beg leave to report the accompanying bill in lieu of one they have had under consideration, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,

Chairman.

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

Mr. Niblack, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bills Nos. 179 and 180, to be entitled respectively an act to provide for the conveyance of the title of lands purchased by the State at tax sales, and an act for the redemption of lands sold for taxes and to quiet titles therefor,

Respectfully beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that they pass.

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 165, to be entitled an act to quiet titles to land sold for taxes, have carefully considered the same, and beg leave to report that, in the opinion of your committee, the provisions of the bill are fully and more equitably provided for in Senate bill No. 180, to be entitled an act for the redemption of lands sold for taxes, and to quiet titles therefor, and also Senate bill No. 179, to be entitled an act to provide for the conveyance of the title of lands purchased by the State at tax sales. Your committee have recommended the passage of the

last mentioned bills; and would therefore recommend that Senate bill No. 165 do not pass.

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

The Committee on Appropriations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bill No. 109, to be entitled an act in relation to the payment of Assessors of Taxes in this State who compiled the Agricultural Statistics for the years 1877 and 1878,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the passage of the substitute herewith reported.

Very respectfully,

W. J. JONES,

Acting Chairman.

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

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Committee to whom was referred—

Assembly memorial No. 52, a joint memorial to Congress asking for a mail route from Fort Drum in Brevard county to Fort Bassinger in Manatee county; also,

Assembly memorial 47, to Congress, for a mail route from Cedar Keys in Levy county, Florida, via. the waters of the Withlacoochee river and Panasoffkee lake to Sumterville in Sumter county, Florida, and Mallard's Mill on the Withlacoochee river,

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

Very respectfully,

JAMES MCKAY,

Chairman Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

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

Mr. Niblack obtained leave and introduced—

Senate bill No. 209:

To be entitled an act to authorize the appointment of Notaries public;

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

Also the following:

Senate bill No. 210:

To be entitled an act to legalize the wills of married women;

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

Mr. Judge obtained leave and introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A petition having been introduced into the Assembly, and now in the hands of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, asking for an investigation of the accounts of John W. Butler, late Tax Collector for Santa Rosa county, Florida; and whereas, as said accounts now stand and appear upon the books of the Comptroller of Public Accounts they reflect unjustly and injuriously upon the sureties on the official bond of the said John W. Butler; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Taxation on the part of the Senate act jointly with the like Committee on the part of the Assembly for the purpose of investigating the accounts of the said John W. Butler, and report in such manner as they may deem best;

Which was read and adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to immediately certify the same to the Assembly.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 175:

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

Was read the second time by sections and amended as follows:

Sections 1 to 4 inclusive were read and adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. McKinnon, the word "or" in the 6th line of Section 5 (printed bill) was stricken out, and the word "of" inserted in lieu thereof. Adopted as amended.

Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 were read and adopted.

Section 11 was amended as follows—

By Mr. McKinnon:

Strike out all before the word "counties" in the fourth line and insert the following in lieu thereof:

(Sec. 11.) "No person shall engage in or manage the business, profession or occupation mentioned in this Section, unless a State license shall have been procured from the Collector of Revenue, which license shall be issued to each person on receipt of the amount hereinafter provided for, together with the clerk's fee for each license of twenty-five cents, and shall be signed by the Collector of Revenue and Clerk of the Circuit Court." In the sixth line strike out the word "property" and insert in lieu thereof the word "profession." In the 7th line strike out the word "property" and insert the word "profession." In the 22nd line strike out "or" twice where it occurs after the word "alleys." Insert after the word "rinks" and before "when," "and shooting galleries." After the word "rinks" and before "are" insert "or galleries."

By Mr. Thompson:

Strike out all after and including the word "and" in the 24th line to and including "wheel" in the 25th line (printed bill.)

By Mr. Mallory, paragraph three of section eleven was amended so as to read as follows: dealers in spirituous liquors shall pay a license of three hundred dollars for each place of business; dealers in vinous or malt liquors only shall pay a license of \$25 for each place of business.

By Mr. Bryson:

In line 31 (printed bill) strike out the word "five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "three."

By Mr. Judge:

In line 32 (printed bill) strike out the word "two" and insert the word "three."

Mr. Sharpe moved to reconsider the vote by which this amendment was adopted;

Which was not agreed to.

By Mr. Thompson:

In line 33, after the word "medicines," "and provided further, that no additional license shall be required of druggists for selling toilet and other articles usually kept by druggists."

By Mr. McKay:

In line 49 (printed bill) strike out the word "fifty" and insert "twenty-five."

By Mr. Crill:

In line 51 (printed bill) before the word "auctioneers," insert "land agents shall pay a license tax of \$25," and after the word "auctioneers" in line 51, strike out the words "land agents."

By Mr. McKinnon:

After the word "livery" in line 64, printed bill, insert the words "sale or feed;" and after the word "hire," at the end of line 64, insert the words "feed or sale;" and after the word

"hire," in line 66, printed bill, insert the words "sale or feed."

By Mr. Mallory:

In line 68, printed bill, strike out the word "one" and insert in lieu thereof the word "three."

By Mr. McKinnon:

After the figures "\$10" in line 70, printed bill, insert the words "in each county."

By Mr. Mallory:

In line 71, printed bill, after the word "exhibit," insert "shows commonly known by the name of 'variety shows,' of a theatrical, minstrel or spectacular character, and all shows that combine any of said characteristics, in which females are employed as waiters, shall pay a license of twenty (20) dollars for each performance given by them."

By Mr. McKinnon:

In line 74, strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "twenty" in lieu thereof, and in line 75, strike out the word "fifty" and insert the word "thirty" in lieu thereof.

By Mr. Robinson:

After the words "ten dollars," in line 75, insert the following: "Provided, That the words 'peddlers' and 'hawkers' shall not apply to vendors of religious works."

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hatcher, Jones, Judge, McKay, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Willard—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Cone, Dell, Mallory, McKinne and Wallace—6.

So the amendment was adopted.

By Mr. Niblack:

After the words "fifty dollars," at the end of line 95, printed bill, insert the following: "Any steamboat engaged in the business of transporting passengers or freight in the waters of this State, when not touching at any point outside of the jurisdiction of this State, shall pay a license tax of one hundred dollars to the Collector of Revenue of the county where their principal office is located; *Provided, however,* that any steamer having paid a tax upon a regular assessment in any county in this State shall be exempt from the provisions hereof."

Mr. McKay offered to amend as follows:

At the end of paragraph 13, section 11, line 102, printed bill, add "provided that all millinery establishments whose stock consists of nothing but millinery goods, owned and managed by ladies shall not pay a license of more than five dollars."

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Cone, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Jones, Judge, McKay, McKinne, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—16.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Crill, Duncan, Mallory, McKinnon, Niblack and Speer—7.

So the amendment was adopted.

Section 11 of the bill was adopted as amended.

Mr. Polhill moved to amend as follows:

In line 104 strike out the words fifty dollars and insert "\$100."

A division was called for and a tie vote.

The President cast the deciding vote no.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Mallory obtained leave and introduced

Senate bill No. 211:

To be entitled an act in relation to the duties of the Adjutant-General of this State;

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

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate.*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has refused to recede from the Assembly amendment to 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, and respectfully request that a committee of conference be appointed, and have appointed Messrs. Bryan of Orange, Conant of Duval and Perry of Monroe such committee on part of Assembly,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read.

The President appointed as such committee of conference on the part of the Senate: Messrs. Thompson, Cole and Mallory.

Mr. Dell moved to adjourn until 3:30 o'clock, P. M.;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called.

A quorum not present.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to bring in absent members.

A quorum was announced as present, and upon motion, the further proceedings under the call of the Senate was dispensed with.

The following communication from the Governor was received:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 19, 1881. }

Gentlemen of the Senate and Assembly :

On the 23d day of April, 1880, the Congress of the United States enacted that the centennial anniversary of the treaty of peace and the recognition of American independence should be celebrated by an international exhibition of the arts, manufactures and products of the soil and mine, to be held in the city of New York in 1883, and for this purpose created a Commission to consist of two Commissioners from each State to act with the Commissioners whose names were embodied in the act.

In accordance with the provisions of said act, the Commissioners met in the city of New York on the 10th day of August, 1880, and during their session passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That a committee of seven, the President of this Commission to be Chairman thereof, be appointed by the Chair to prepare an address to the people of the United States setting forth the objects and purposes to be accomplished and the advantages to be derived by the people through the holding of the exhibition authorized by the act of Congress under which this Commission is organized, and that a copy of such address be forwarded to the Governors of the several states and territories, and District of Columbia, together with a copy of the act of Congress aforesaid, and with a letter from the President of this Commission, requesting said Governors in their next messages to the Legislatures to make favorable and special mention of the exhibition and the advantages to be derived therefrom, and to recommend such reasonable appropriations as will enable the several states to participate therein creditably to themselves and their people."

My predecessor appointed General E. A. Perry and John L.

Inglis, Esq., as Commissioners, and Messrs. Le Roy De Ball and S. B. Hubbard Alternate Commissioners for this State. General Perry, on behalf of the Commissioners, has addressed to me the following communication, to which I invite your careful and favorable consideration. I know of no means better calculated to advertise the resources of our State, and certainly in no way can we more appropriately celebrate so important an event as by this contemplated civic display of the arts of peace and the products of honorable toil and creative genius.

Very respectfully,  
W. D. BLOXHAM,  
Governor.

PENSACOLA, February 14th, 1881.

His Excellency W. D. Bloxham, Governor :

In relation to the International Exhibition to be held in the city of New York in 1883, I, as one of the Commissioners for Florida, have the following to submit:

I. A communication from the Commission, setting forth what was done by the United States International Commission at its last session, held in the city of New York on the 10th day of January last.

II. A communication presented by ex-Governor Crawford, of Kansas, to the Executive Committee of the Commission, and by the Committee ordered to be printed and sent to Governors and State Commissioners.

In compliance with the suggestion contained in the last clause of the first named communication, I deem it my duty to ask the attention of your Excellency and through you the attention of the Legislature, now in session, to the subject of the great International Exposition to be held in 1883, and the extraordinary opportunity that Florida will then have to advertise to the world the manifold inducements which her location, soil and climate offer to capital to seek investments, and immigrants homes, in our State.

As our Legislature is not to meet again until 1883, too late to provide for the State's taking part in the exhibition, it must at the present session be determined whether or not the State shall avail herself of an opportunity, the like to which will not be presented for many years, if ever again.

My colleague, Captain John L. Inglis and myself having conferred together, I can say for us both, and I believe also for the alternate commissioners, Messrs. Hubbard and Ball, that we are willing and ready to do all in our power to secure

to Florida all possible benefits to be derived from taking part in this great enterprise, but it rests with the Legislature and your Excellency to determine and instruct us to what extent we shall advertise Florida's attractions in the World's Fair of 1883.

We agree in opinion that we should either make Florida's exhibition one of which every Floridian may be proud—one that will distinguish Florida in the eyes of the world as by nature she has been distinguished from her sister States, and attract the attention of the millions who will be spectators, or not attempt any display at all.

We believe that with an appropriation of \$20,000, say not exceeding \$2,000 to be available prior to October 1, 1882, our State, owing to its distinctive climatic character, can make an exhibition more attractive than any of the other States could make by an expenditure of five times that sum—an exhibition that will prove the most attractive feature in the whole exposition; and we believe that such an exhibition by our State, with the whole world as spectators, would accomplish more than can in any other way be accomplished towards attracting capital and immigration from other more populous, but by nature less favored, States and countries.

We may be able to make such a display as Florida, in our opinion, should make (if she makes any at all) without drawing all of such appropriation, much depending upon the degree of liberality that might be exercised by private citizens and transportation companies. The Commissioners certainly would spend no more than absolutely necessary, and it might be in their power at the close of the exposition to realize a portion or even all of the money expended, and return the same into the treasury. At this early day it is impossible for us to advise your Excellency upon these points, and we would not have the Legislature or your Excellency act upon the supposition that it will be in our power to realize our hopes in that respect.

Fully recognizing that your Excellency and our legislators are as anxious as we can be to attract capital and immigration to our State, and thus advance her material prosperity, and can, perhaps more wisely than we, judge of the benefits of advertising to the world the climate, soil and varied gifts with which nature has so generously endowed her, we feel that we can safely leave the whole matter to the Legislature and your Excellency, with confidence that only such action will be taken as will best promote the welfare, progress and honor of Florida.

With sentiments of high esteem, I have the honor to be,  
Your obedient servant,  
E. A. PERRY

Which was read and ordered spread upon the journal and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

The following communication from the Comptroller was received:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: In reply to a resolution of your honorable body passed on the 18th inst.—

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;

I have the honor to report—

That none of the banking companies in the State have complied with the provisions of section 11 of chapter 3165 of the Laws of Florida referred to in said resolution.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BARNES,  
Comptroller.

Which was read and ordered spread upon the journal.

The Senate resumed the consideration of Senate bill No. 175, to be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

Section 12 was read and adopted.

Mr. McKimmon offered the following as a substitute for sections 13 and 14:

Strike out sections 13 and 14 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

Sec. 13. Every State or county license shall be furnished by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, under the seal of the county to the Collector of Revenue, on the blanks supplied by the Comptroller, after signing the same, and taking his receipt therefor; and the Collector of Revenue shall fill out and sign each license before issuing the same to the person or persons paying him the necessary amount therefor. The Collector of Revenue shall make a duplicate of such license issued, in the books furnished him by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for that purpose,

and shall file said duplicate license with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for record. And the person or persons obtaining such license shall keep the same exhibited conspicuously at their place of business; upon their failure to do so shall be subjected to another license for engaging in or managing the business, profession or occupation for which such license was obtained.

SEC. 14. Each clerk shall transmit to the Comptroller, on the first Monday of each month in each year, a statement showing the amount of money received for State licenses under the provisions of this act, and to the County Commissioners of all money received for county licenses during the preceding month, with the name of each person paying the same, the amount paid by each, the date of such payment, and the business or profession for which the same was issued, and said statement shall be signed by the Collector of Revenue and Clerk, and the Collector of Revenue shall transmit the amount collected by him for the State licenses to the State Treasurer on the first Monday of each month. The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall report to the Grand Jury, at each term of the court, the names of all persons who have procured licenses under the provisions of this act. The Comptroller of the State of Florida shall furnish such blanks as are required for licenses in book form to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of each county, who shall give his receipt therefor, stating the number of blank licenses in each book received, and the clerk shall return each book for examination at any time when requested to do so by the Comptroller.

Which was agreed to, and the substitute declared adopted.

Section 15 was read and adopted.

Section 16 was read and adopted.

Section 17 was read and adopted.

Section 18 was read.

Mr. Niblack moved to amend by inserting in line 3, after the word "county" the words "and the number of the election district in which they reside;"

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, was adopted.

Section 19 was read and adopted.

Section 20 was read and adopted.

Section 21 was read.

Mr. Mallory moved to amend as follows:

Strike out all after the word "described" in line 4, and insert in lieu thereof: "as definitely as the Assessor can describe it;"

Which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, was adopted.

Section 22 was read and adopted.

Section 23 was read and adopted.

Section 24 was read.

Mr. McKinnon moved to amend as follows:

In line 4 strike out "thereof and a statement thereof;" in line 5 strike out the word "affidavit" and insert in lieu thereof the word "oath;" in line 10 strike out the word "to" and insert in lieu thereof the word "of."

Upon motion the section as amended was adopted.

Section 25 was read.

Mr. Crill moved to strike out the entire Section;

Which was agreed to and the Section was stricken out.

Section 26 was read, and upon motion of Mr. McKinnon, was stricken out.

Section 27 was read and adopted.

Section 28 was read and adopted.

Section 29 was read and adopted.

Section 30 was read and amended by striking out the word "three" in line eleven and inserting the word "one" in lieu thereof, and was adopted.

Mr. Sharpe moved to reconsider the vote by which Section 24 was adopted;

Which was agreed to and the vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Chandler moved to amend Section 24 by striking out all after the words "Assessor" in line 8 to the word "each" in line 9;

Which was agreed to and the Section as amended was adopted.

Mr. Mallory moved to reconsider the vote by which Section 26 was stricken out.

Mr. McKinne moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cone, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, McKay, McKinne, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Wallace—14.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Delano, Duncan, Mallory, McKinnon, Thompson, Willard—7.

So the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

Mr. Crill moved that the vote by which section 28 was adopted be reconsidered.

Mr. Speer moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Section 31 was read and adopted.

Section 32 was read and adopted.

Sections 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 were read and adopted.

Section 38 was read.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend as follows:

Add at the end of the 6th line the following: "And that any State or county officer who shall directly or indirectly speculate either in county or State indebtedness shall be subject to the penalties prescribed for Collectors in the 38th section of this act."

Mr. Sharpe offered to amend the amendment by adding the words "or change the character of the funds as required by him;"

Which was accepted.

The question was upon the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Chandler, McKinne and Wallace—5.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Mallory, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Willard—14.

So the amendment was lost.

Section 38 was then adopted.

Section 39 was read.

Mr. Niblack moved to amend by striking out line 6;

Which was agreed to, and the section as amended was adopted.

Section 40 was read and adopted.

Section 41 was read.

Mr. Niblack moved to amend by striking out the word "twenty" in line two, and insert the word "fifteen" in lieu thereof;

Which was agreed to, and the section as amended was adopted.

Sections 42, 43 and 44 were read and adopted.

Section 45 was read.

Mr. Niblack moved to amend by striking out all after the word "road" in line seventeen;

Which was agreed to, and the section as amended was adopted.

Sections 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56 were read and adopted.

Section 57 was read.

Mr. McKinnon moved to amend by inserting in the first of line 1 the words "after one year from the date of sale;"

Which was agreed to, and the section as amended was adopted.

Sections 58, 59 and 60 were read and adopted.

Section 61 was read.

Mr. Thompson moved to amend by striking out the word "one" in line 7 and insert the word "three" in lieu thereof; Which was agreed to, and the section as amended was adopted.

Section 62 was read and adopted.

Section 63 was read.

Mr. McKinnon moved to amend by striking out the word "April" in line 10 and inserting the word "February" in lieu thereof;

Which was agreed to, and the section as amended was adopted.

Sections 64 and 65 were read and adopted.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the bill as amended be adopted as a whole;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading at 11 o'clock Tuesday next.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that the following bills and memorials have been examined and found correctly enrolled:

Substitute for Senate bill No. 35, an act to amend Section 2 of an act entitled an act for the protection of posts, harbors, bays and rivers of this State, and to repeal Chapter 1900 of the Laws of Florida.

Senate bill No. 62, an act relating to landlords' lien, for what and upon what it exists.

Senate bill No. 119, an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes upon improvements on the public land, and for the protection of occupying claimants.

Senate memorial to Congress for the erection of a light-house on the Atlantic coast of Florida.

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

Assembly bill No. 142, an act for the relief of heirs of John Broward.

Assembly bill No. 164, an act to permanently locate the county site of Holmes county and to prevent controversy thereon.

Assembly bill No. 144, an act to suppress gaming.

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

Assembly bill No. 128, an act for the protection of parents and guardians or other persons having the legal supervision over minors.

Assembly bill No. 152, an act to make certain regulations of practice and pleading in actions of ejectment.

Assembly bill No. 159, an act to provide for the execution of writs or decrees in special cases in other counties than the one in which they were issued.

Assembly bill No. 51, an act to incorporate the Orange Ridge, DeLand and Atlantic Railroad Company.

Assembly bill No. 143, an act to authorize the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions to purchase a small tract of land.

A memorial to Congress for the establishment of a mail route from Tallahassee, Florida, to Jackson's Bluff, on the Ocklokeenee river, via Holland's mill.

A memorial to Congress for light-house and beacon light on Choctawhatchee bay.

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

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,  
Acting Chairman Senate Committee.  
H. L. GRADY,  
Chairman Assembly Committee.

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

The Committee on Railroads made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 19, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—  
Assembly bill No. 180,

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and recommend that the same do pass with the accompanying amendment thereto.

Very Respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO,  
Acting Chairman.

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

Mr. McKinnon moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday next at 10 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate was so adjourned.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Dennis Burns and Samuel Rushing, to be Commissioners of Pilotage in Escambia county.

T. J. Walker, to be Sheriff of Lafayette county.

F. M. Townsend, to be Collector of Revenue for Hernando county.

Frank E. Saxon, to be Assessor of Taxes for Hernando county.

J. S. Fannin, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court for Calhoun county.

MONDAY, February 21, 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, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Lykes, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace and Willard—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Polhill moved that the further reading of the journal be dispensed with ;

Which was so ordered.

Mr. Lee presented a petition praying for a local option law.

Mr. Mallory offered a resolution relating to calling a Constitutional Convention.

Mr. McKinne asked leave to introduce a bill ;

Which was granted.

Mr. Bryson asked that the Assistant Secretary be excused on account of sickness ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Niblack moved that the Joint Committee appointed to ascertain from Judge Doggett, Master, etc., the amount of indebtedness against the Internal Improvement Fund, be and they are requested also to ascertain the amount paid on the Sinking Fund since the sale of the several railroads whose