

TUESDAY, February 22, 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, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, McClellan, McClenny, McKay, McKinne; McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace and Willard—21.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

The journal of yesterday was corrected and approved.

On motion of Mr. McClellan, Senator Polhill was excused for to-day on account of sickness.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. McKinnon:

Senate bill No. 215:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act relating to the indebtedness of the State.

Also,

Senate bill No. 216:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act relating to the finances of the State.

Mr. McKinne in the chair.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 21, 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. 185, to be entitled an act to enforce a distinctive wrapping and proper label of preparations of morphine; also,

Assembly bill No. 203, to be entitled an act to authorize John J. Hulse, of Milton, to take charge of and control his estate,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

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

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 21, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has indefinitely postponed—

Senate bill No. 114, to be entitled an act to amend Sections 45 and 46 of Chapter 2040 of the Laws of Florida.

Very respectfully,

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

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 21, 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. 188, to be entitled an act to authorize executors and administrators having an interest in the estate which they represent to purchase the property of such estate at public sale.

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 placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 21, 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 having under consideration Assembly amendment to Senate bill No. 129, to strike out the words

"six months" in said amendment, and insert the words "thirty days" in lieu thereof.

Very respectfully,

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

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 21, 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. 160, to be entitled an act to amend Section 5, Chapter 3106, Laws of Florida, approved March 17th, 1879, 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,

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 placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 21, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has indefinitely postponed Senate bill No. 110, to be entitled an act to require Justices of the Peace to give bond.

Very respectfully,

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

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 21, 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. 218, to be entitled an act to regulate the admission of certain evidence in suits by the State against Tax Collectors and their sureties; also,

Senate bill No. 140, to be entitled an act to authorize W. H. and D. N. Cone to establish a toll-bridge across the Suwannee river.

Very respectfully,

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

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 21, 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. 130, to be entitled an act to punish vagrants,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

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

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

The Joint Committee on Roads and Highways made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 21, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Roads and Highways, the same being a Joint Committee of the Senate and Assembly, to whom was referred the several bills for the keeping in good repair, etc., of the roads and highways of this State, beg leave to report

the accompanying substitute for the same and recommen its passage.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, JR.,  
Chairman Senate Committee.

A. C. TIPPIN,  
Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read and the substitute was read the second time.

Mr. Duncan moved to amend by striking out " fifty cents " and inserting " one dollar ; "

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Thompson in the chair.

Substitute for Senate No. 24 was read by sections.

Mr. McKinnon moved to strike out " five, " in section 5, and insert " eight ; "

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wallace offered the the following amendment :

" *Provided*, That no person living in any incorporated city or town in this State shall be compelled to work said roads beyond the limits of such incorporated city or town. "

On the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Wallace the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Crill, Duncan, Lee, McKinne, Niblack, Speer, Thompson, Walker, Wallace, Willard—12.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Dell, Hendry, Jones, Lykes, Mallory, McClellan, McClenny, McKay, McKinnon, Sharpe—11.

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they have deposited with the Governor for his action thereon the following bills and memorial originating in the Senate :

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

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,  
Acting Chairman.

Which was read and ordered to be spread upon the journal. Mr. Delano, of the Committee on Railroads and Canals, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

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

Senate bill No. 187, to be entitled an act to grant certain lands to the East Florida Railroad Company,

Beg leave to report that, having carefully considered the same, recommend that it do pass with the enclosed amendments added thereto.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO, Acting Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Niblack moved that the amendments offered by the Committee on Railroads be adopted ;

Which was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed as amended for third reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, Senate bill No. 215 was read by its title the second time.

The rules were then waived and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cole, Cone, Dell, Duncan, Hendry, Jones, Lee, Lykes, Mallory, McClellan, McClenny, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker and Wallace—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the rules were suspended and Senate bill No. 216 was read the second and third times and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hendry, Jones, Lee, Lykes, Mallory, McClellan, McClenny, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Walker and Wallace—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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 third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

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

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Railroads made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 21, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

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

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,

Beg leave to report that having carefully considered the same, recommend that it do pass, with the accompanying amendments added thereto :

“SEC. 7. That said incorporated railroad company shall not charge a greater rate than five cents per mile for each passenger travelling thereon, under penalty of forfeiture of all the rights and privileges granted by this act, and any officer or agent of said railroad violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not less than twenty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.”

Amend title by inserting after the word “privileges” the words “and lands.”

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO,  
Acting Chairman.

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

The following communication from the Governor was received :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
TALLAHASSEE, February 22, 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 memorial which originated in the Senate, to wit:

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.

An act to amend section 2 of an act entitled an act for the protection of ports, harbors, bays and rivers of this State, and to repeal Chapter 1900 of the Laws of Florida.

An act relating to landlords' lien, for what and upon what it exists.

Memorial for the erection of a light-house on the Atlantic coast of Florida.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM, Governor.

Which was read.

Senate bill No. 134 :

To be entitled an act for the protection of fisheries and other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the bill was taken up and read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cone, Crill, Duncan, Judge, Mallory, McClellan, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Robinson, Speer, Thompson and Walker—15.

Nays—Messrs. Hendry, Jones, Lykes and Niblack—4.

Mr. Delano was excused from voting.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Delano, acting Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 21, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

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

Senate bill No. 46, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Okeehumkee and Panasofkee Railroad Company,

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it do pass, with enclosed amendments added thereto.

Very respectfully,  
CHAS. DELANO,  
Acting Chairman.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 21, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,  
*President of the Senate:*

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

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

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 the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Mallory moved that Senate bill No. 175, to be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, be put upon its second reading.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Judge, Lykes, Mallory, McClenny, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Thompson, Walker, Wallace—21.

Nays—Messrs. Hendry, McClellan and Speer—3.

So Senate bill No. 175 was put back upon its second reading, subject to amendment.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment:

In the fifth line of section 17 strike out the words "the first day of July in each year" and insert "he affixes a valuation thereon" in lieu thereof.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment to section 24:

SEC. 24. Every Assessor shall require any person giving in the amount or list of his taxable property to make oath before any that the same is full and correct, and any person refusing

to make such oath shall not be permitted afterwards to reduce the valuation made by such Assessor of his personal property for that year;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment to be numbered—

SEC. 25. All personal estate liable to taxation, the value of which shall not have been specified under oath as aforesaid, shall be estimated by the Assessor at its true cash value according to his best judgment and information;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment:

SEC. 26. The Assessors shall complete the assessment rolls of their respective counties on or before the first Monday of July in every year, on which day each Assessor shall meet with the Board of County Commissioners at the Clerk's office of their respective counties for the purpose of reviewing the assessment, and may continue such review from day to day for one week, or so long as shall be necessary for that purpose, and on the request of any person considering himself aggrieved, if such person shall not previously have made oath as to the value of the personal property assessed to him pursuant to this Chapter, the Assessor may, on oath, made as provided in this Chapter, reduce the assessment made to such person to the sum specified under such oath, except in case where the person assessed shall have refused to make oath as herein provided;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lee moved that the third amendment offered by Mr. Mallory be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinne moved that the word "taxable" be stricken out and insert the word "personal;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment:

SEC. 28. The County Commissioners of each county shall meet at the Clerk's office on the first Monday of July in each year for the purpose equalizing the assessment of the real estate of their respective counties, and to hear all persons who may be aggrieved, and the Board of County Commissioners may alter the valuation of any real estate;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment to Section 11: Strike out in line 26 the words "three" and insert "two."

The yeas and nays were called.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cole, Cone, Jones, Judge, Lykes, Mallory,

McClenny, McKay, McKinne, Sharpe, Walker, Wallace, Willard—13.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Lee, McClellan, McKinnon, Robinson, Speer, Thompson—14.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment:

Add after the word "rent" in Section 11, paragraph 6, line 52, the following: "Whoever sells goods at public auction, unless such sale is ordered by the judgment of some court, shall be deemed an auctioneer."

Lost.

Mr. Sharpe offered the following amendment:

In 74th line, Section 11, strike out "twenty" and insert "ten."

Lost.

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment:

In Section 11, strike out in line 26 "three" and insert "one hundred and fifty."

Mr. Chandler offered the following as a substitute:

In Section 11, line 26, strike out "three" and insert "four," and in line 27 strike out "twenty-five" and insert "seventy-five."

Lost.

Mr. Jones' amendment was then taken up.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Jones, Lykes, Mallory, McClellan, McClenny, McKay, McKinne, Walker, Wallace and Willard—11.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Judge, Lee, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, and Thompson—14.

So the amendment was lost.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the bill as amended was referred to Mr. Mallory as a special committee to have the amendments incorporated in the bill in the proper place, and the bill ordered engrossed;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 217:

To be entitled an act prescribing limitations to judgments and executions,

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

Mr. Lykes introduced

Senate bill No. 217:

To be entitled an act to fix the pay of members and attaches of the present Legislature;

Which was read the first time by its title and placed among the orders of the day.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

A bill 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 *fiery facias* issued from any of the Circuit Courts of this State, where said property is of a perishable nature,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it 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.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bill No. 209, to be entitled an act to authorize the appointment of Notaries Public; also,

Senate bill No. 212, to be entitled an act prescribing limitations to judgment and execution liens,

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

Very respectfully,

S. L. NIBLACK,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

Senate bill No. 209:

To be entitled an act to authorize the appointment of Notaries Public,

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

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 *fiery facias* issued from any of the Circuit Courts of this State, when said property is of a perishable nature,

Was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

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

Senate bill No. 84, an act to amend sections 20 and 21 of Chapter 71 of the laws of Florida ; also,

Senate bill No. 144, an act to legalize the town government of the town of Quincy ; also,

Senate bill No. 129, an act to repeal and dissolve municipal corporations under certain circumstances, and to provide the manner in which such cities or towns may become incorporated ; also,

Assembly bill No. 170 : an act to repeal an act approved Feb. 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 ; also,

Assembly bill No. 108, an act to require plaintiffs in attachments sued out before Justices of the Peace to execute bond.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,

Acting Chairman Senate Committee.

H. L. GRADY,

Chairman Assembly Committee.

Which was read and ordered to be spread upon the journal.

The Joint Committee appointed to visit the State Asylum made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 21, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: The Joint Committee of the Senate and Assembly appointed in compliance with the following concurrent resolution :

“Be it resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That a committee of three from the Senate and five from the Assembly be appointed to visit the State Asylum and report the condition of the inmates and the management of the Asylum, and to ascertain what repairs and enlargements of buildings will be necessary for the health and comfort of the patients, and make such other recommendations as will be for the best interest of the State and good government of the Asylum.”

Would respectfully report that we performed this duty on the 5th inst., and were courteously received by Dr. W. B. Foreman, the physician in charge, who afforded us every facility in forming a proper estimate of all matters pertaining to the management of the Asylum, the condition of the inmates, (about one hundred in number,) mode and manner of treatment, both sick and well, and the general means provided for their health and comfort, including diet, exercise, employment and means of recreation, both physical and mental.

The Committee, from information received from all practicable sources, are unanimously agreed that the management of this institution, necessarily restricted by limited and inadequate appropriation is, under all the circumstances, much to be commended. The intelligence and zeal of the physician in charge, Dr. Foreman, is everywhere evidenced by the extreme neatness and cleanliness of the various apartments, and the admirable system with which the duties of the officers and employees of this institution are performed, as well as the kind yet firm discipline with which the apparently wholesome rules and regulations of the same are enforced.

As to the condition of the inmates, the Committee deem it unnecessary to make any extended report, as the Legislature in a body visited these unfortunate wards of the State on Saturday, the 15th of January.

In consequence of the greatly increased and increasing number of applicants for admission, the Committee are forcibly impressed with the imperative necessity for the erection of new buildings or the enlargement of those now in use, since even the present overcrowded condition of the institution retards and materially interferes with, not only the comfort and well being of the inmates, but may oftentime seriously detract from the efficiency of means used for their restoration to soundness of both mind and body.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

1. That from and after the 30th of June, 1881, no indigent, lunatic or insane persons shall be maintained, in part or in whole, by the State, outside of the Asylum, but be required to make application for admission therein if desiring the State's

assistance, for the reason that apart from the imposition to which the State is and may possibly be subjected, it would prove less expensive to the State, and more beneficial in a majority of instances to the afflicted.

2. That the different counties shall hereafter provide for and pay the expense of transportation of insane persons to the Asylum and their escorts to the Asylum and back to their homes, as the State is frequently subjected to unnecessary costs by the providing on the part of counties useless assistance in the conveyance of patients to the Asylum, and in view of the fact that the counties are individually relieved by the State from the care and maintenance of an unfortunate class of its citizens.

3. That the law for adjudging persons insane be amended so as to make the County Judge the proper officer to whom application shall be made for certificate of insanity, and that the medical certificate of lunacy or insanity upon which the adjudgment is based shall give as near as possible the previous history of his or her insanity, and that such medical certificate shall accompany the usual papers, in each case, sent with the patient to the Asylum, and that a fee of \$5 be paid to each physician for each person so examined, to be paid by the county in which the person examined resides.

4. That Senate bill No. 63, an act authorizing the Board of State Institutions to employ additional medical assistance at the Asylum for Indigent Lunatics, do pass, with the following amendment: "Provided, The salaries of the physicians in charge and the assistant physician shall not exceed \$2,500 per annum, to be apportioned by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions."

5. That Assembly bill No. 93, an act to provide a Chaplain for the Lunatic Asylum, do pass.

6. That the sum of \$25,000 for the year 1881 and \$25,000 for the year 1882, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the maintenance of the Asylum, salary of officers, erection or enlargement and repairs of buildings, and

that \$5,000 of said amounts shall be used exclusively for the erection or enlargement and repairs of buildings.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT J. PERRY,  
Chairman Joint Committee.

W. N. THOMPSON,  
Chairman Senate Committee.

E. S. CRILL,  
J. C. WALKER,  
J. D. COLE,  
H. H. DUNCAN,

On part of Senate.

C. S. REYNOLDS,  
J. M. TOLBERT,  
H. H. SPEAR,  
CHAS. ANGEL,

On part of Assembly.

Senate bill No. 63:

To be entitled an act authorizing the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions to employ additional medical assistance at the State Asylum for indigent lunatics,

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

Assembly bill No. 93:

To be entitled an act to provide a Chaplain for the Lunatic Asylum,

Was read the second time.

Upon motion the rules were suspended and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Crill Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, McClellan, McClenny, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Spear, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 218:

To be entitled an act in relation the transportation of insane persons and their escorts,

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for second reading to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 219:

To be entitled an act to change the name of the Asylum for indigent lunatics,

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for second reading to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 220:

To be entitled an act in relation to insane persons in this State,

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for second reading to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 221:

To be entitled an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the Insane Asylum, salaries of its officers, and the erection, enlargement and repairs of buildings at the Insane Asylum,

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for second reading to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 137:

To be entitled an act for the relief of all persons engaged in navigating the inland waters of Florida; also the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, with all its bays and inlets,

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for second reading to-morrow.

The Committee on Roads and Highways made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Roads and Highways to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 67, to be entitled an act to establish private roads; also,

Senate bill No. 101, to be entitled an act levying a tax on real and personal property for road purposes,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that they do not pass.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, JR.  
Chairman.

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

Mr. Wallace asked leave to withdraw Senate bills Nos. 67 and 101;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Committee on Commerce and Navigation to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 137, to be entitled an act for the relief of all persons engaged in navigating the inland waters of Florida; also the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico with all its bays and inlets,

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

JAMES MCKAY,

Chairman Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

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

Senate bill No. 46:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Okeehumkee and Panasofkee Railroad Company with amendments,

Was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Crill, 200 copies of the bill as amended was ordered to be printed for use of the Senate.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 22, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: By request of the Senate I am directed to return to the Senate for the correction of informalities Senate bill No. 157, to be entitled an act in relation to the illegal employment of laborers and servants; also,

Senate bill No. 160, to be entitled an act for the relief of Henry Jernigan, of Walton county, Florida.

Very respectfully,

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

Senate bill No. 160, to be entitled an act for the relief of Henry Jernigan, of Walton county, Florida,

Was, upon motion of Mr. Niblack, taken up and the vote reconsidered.

The bill was then read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Jones, Judge, Lee, McClellan, McClenney, McKinné, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Speer, Thompson, Wallace and Willard—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 157:

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

Was, upon motion of Mr. Niblack, reconsidered and read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Cone, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Jones, Judge, Mallory, McClellan, McClenny, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Willard—18.

Nays—Messrs. Cole, Crill, Lee and Wallace—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 22, 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. 102, to be entitled an act regulating the duties of certain county officers,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read and

Assembly bill No. 102:

To be entitled an act regulating the duties of certain county officers,

Was read the first time and referred to Committee on City and County Organizations.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 22, 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 pass—

Senate bill No. 106, to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of assessors for enrolling the militia in the year 1876,

Very respectfully,

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

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

Mr. Bryson moved that out of respect for the day—it being Washington's birth-day—the Senate do now adjourn until tomorrow at 10 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was so adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 23, 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, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lykes, Mallory, McClellan, McClenny, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson, Willard—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

The journal was corrected and approved.

The Joint Committee to examine the offices of Comptroller and Treasurer made the following report, which was withdrawn yesterday at the request of Mr. Speer for correction:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 21, 1881.

HON. J. J. HARRIS,

*Speaker of the Assembly:*

SIR—The Joint Committee appointed on the part of the Senate and Assembly to examine the offices of the Comptroller and Treasurer of the State of Florida, beg leave to make the following report, to wit:

We find that the Hon. Columbus Drew, Comptroller for the years 1879 and 1880, issued the following amount in warrants: \$424,171.95, for which we find the vouchers duly filed in said office. We find that the several accounts are properly entered and correspond. The reports of the various County Clerks, Sheriffs, Tax Collectors and Assessors are properly kept and respect-