

FRIDAY, February 25, 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, Lee, Lykes, Malory, McClenny, McKay, McKinne, Niblack, Polhill, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Thompson and Willard—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, &c.

Mr. Lee introduced the following:

A joint resolution relative to the Attorney-General's obtaining amounts due the State from banking corporations under act approved March 11th, 1879.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Cole:

Senate bill No. 238:

To be entitled an act for the compensation of Collectors of Revenue for extra services rendered in the years 1877 and 1878,

Which was read for the first time by its title.

Upon motion the rules were waived and the bill read a second and third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Lee, Lykes, McClenny, McKay, McKinnon, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer and Walker—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

A joint resolution relative to the Attorney-General's obtaining amounts due the State from banking corporations, under act approved March 11, 1879:

WHEREAS, The Comptroller of the State, in reply to a resolution of the Senate, passed February 18, 1881, requesting him

to furnish the Senate with certain information relative to banking corporations, reported to the Senate February 19th, 1881, as follows: "That none of the banking corporations in this State have complied with the provisions of Section eleven (11) of Chapter 3165 of the Laws of Florida, approved March 11, 1879;"

And whereas, By such non-compliance with the provisions of the act referred to, the said corporations have forfeited to the State a sum not less than one hundred (100) dollars nor more than one thousand (1,000) dollars for each offense to the use of the State, to be recovered in an action of tort; therefore,

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

That the Attorney-General be, and he hereby is, instructed to proceed at once to collect all such forfeitures as may or have arisen under the act approved March 11th, 1879,

Was read, and upon motion, the rules were waived and the resolution was read a second and third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Lee, Lykes, McClenny, McKay, McKinnon, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Walker—19.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, Mr. McClellan was excused on account of sickness.

Mr. Speer obtained leave and introduced

Senate bill No. 239:

To be entitled an act to provide for the preservation of records and vouchers in the office of the Comptroller,

Was read the first time by its title, and upon motion of Mr. McKinnon, was read the second and third times and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Lee, McClenny, McKay, McKinnon, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer, Walker—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be immediately certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Judge moved that the vote by which Senate bill No. 200, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide a revenue for the support of common schools, approved February 10, 1874, was postponed until the 4th of March on yesterday be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to, and the vote was so reconsidered, and the bill placed upon the table subject to call.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 24, 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. 133, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Street Car Company; also,

Senate bill No. 177, to be entitled an act to provide for the protection of fisheries of this State, with amendment to the title of the bill,

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 No. 133 was ordered enrolled, and amendment offered by the Assembly to accompanying bill No. 177 was concurred in and the bill ordered enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 24, 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. 264, to be entitled an act authorizing J. H. Jerock to establish and run a ferry between Cedar Keys and the island of Atseena Otie,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 24, 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. 259, to be entitled an act to provide for the manner in which jurors and witnesses serving at Coroner's inquests shall be paid,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 24, 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. 263, to be entitled an act to authorize H. B. Nunn and Jeremiah Gill to establish a toll-bridge across the Alapaha river,

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 Commerce and Navigation.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 24, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly bill No. 118, to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. M. J. Powledge; also,

Assembly bill No. 234, to be entitled an act for the relief of Augustus J. Driggers, of Orange county,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the accompanying bills referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 24, 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. 194, to be entitled an act to authorize the construction of a boom or booms on the Suwanee river; also, Senate bill No. 170, to be entitled an act fixing the times for holding the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying Senate bill No. 170 was ordered enrolled and the accompanying Assembly bill No. 194 was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 25, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 228, to be entitled an act to amend Section 6 of an act to regulate and fix the fees and per diem of certain officers,

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass.

Also,

Senate bill No. 120, to be entitled an act to regulate the fees of Sheriffs in the State of Florida,

And recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON,
Chairman.

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

The Committee on Claims made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 25, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred— Senate bill No. 151, to be entitled an act authorizing and requiring the Comptroller to audit and allow the accounts of John C. Henry, deceased, late Sheriff of Columbia county, in settlement of accounts on Comptroller's books,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend its passage, with accompanying amendment.

Very respectfully,

J. G. SPEER,
Chairman.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Assembly bill No. 127:

To be entitled an act for the relief of D. M. Hammond, of Nassau county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Hatcher, Judge, Lee, McKay, McKinnon, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer and Walker—16.

Nays—Mr. Dell—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 120;

To be entitled an act to regulate the fees of Sheriffs in the State of Florida,

Was read the second time.

Mr. McKinnon moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 151:

To be entitled an act authorizing and requiring the Comptroller to audit and allow the account of John C. Henry, deceased, late Sheriff of Columbia county, in settlement of account on the Comptroller's books,

Was read the second time.

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

Senate bill No. 228 :

To be entitled an act to amend Section 6 of an act to regulate and fix the fees and per diem of certain officers,

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

Assembly bill No. 155 :

To be entitled an act in relation to the custody, feeding and maintenance of persons charged with or found guilty of crime, offences or contempt of court,

Was read the second time.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the further consideration of the bill be laid over until the 4th of March next;

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

Assembly bill No. 203 :

To be entitled an act to authorize John J. Hulse, of Milton, to take charge of and control his estate,

Was read the second time.

On motion, the further consideration of the bill was postponed.

Assembly bill No. 160 :

To be entitled an act to amend Section 5, Chapter 3106, Laws of Florida, approved March 7, 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 to fix and regulate the fees and per diem of certain officers herein designated, approved February 14, 1875, approved March 2, 1877,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Hatcher, Judge, McClenny, McKay, McKinnon, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer and Walker—16.

Nays—Messrs. Lee and Polhill—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 196,

To be entitled an act for the protection of live stock,

Was read the second time.

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

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Crill, Delano, Hatcher, Judge, Lee, McClenny, McKinnon, Polhill and Powers—10.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Dell, McKay, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer and Walker—7.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed.

Mr. Walker obtained leave and withdrew Senate bill No. 205. Senate bill No. 189 :

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

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

At 12 o'clock the Senate went into executive session.

At 12:10 the doors were opened.

Upon motion the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

CONFIRMATION.

John A Henderson to be State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit.

SATURDAY, February 26, 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, Chanler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendry, Jones, Judge, Lee, Lykes, Mallory, McClenny, McKay, McKinne, McKinnon, Niblack, Polhill, Powers, Robinson, Sharpe, Speer and Walker—27.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Messrs. Willard and Thompson were excused until Monday.

On motion of Mr. McKinne, Assembly bill No. 217, an act concerning the taking of appeals from the Circuit Courts to the Supreme Court of this State, was called up and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Lykes, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 26, 1881.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on Appropriations desire to report