

Mr. Baker moved that a committee of 5 be appointed on Temperance;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McKinne introduced the following bill.

Senate bill No. 1:

A Bill to be Entitled, An Act to repeal an act to Provide for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes upon Improvements on the Public Lands, and for the protection of Occupancy Claimants of said Lands.

Mr. McKinne introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to present appropriate resolutions expressive of our feelings of sorrow and regret at the death of Senators Walker and Hendry, whose deaths have occurred since last session, and that now as a mark of respect this body do adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow, at which time the committee will report;

Which was agreed to.

The following committee was appointed:

Messrs. McKinne, Spear, Crill, Dell and Sharpe.

The Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

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THURSDAY, January 4, 1883.

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, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Leslie, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Spear, Swearingen—30.

A quorum present.

Senator Cottrell came forward and was sworn in by L. B. Wombwell, N. P.

I. McAuld came forward and was sworn into office as Sergeant-at-Arms by L. B. Wombwell, N. P.

Mr. Delano offered the following joint resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of two from the Senate and

three from the Assembly be appointed to investigate the affairs of the office of the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration, and that said committee be invested with power to send for persons and papers;

Which was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Speer offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The custom established in our legislative bodies of employing clerks for committees, regardless of the necessity, is one that should be abolished; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That no committee of this House shall employ such clerk unless there be real necessity for it, and then the committee shall only employ such clerical aid as may be necessary, and at a stipulated price, and for a certain time;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chandler offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The people of the State of Florida represented in Senate and Assembly did, by joint resolution, approved March 7, 1881, resolve as follows:

"SECTION 1. That it is the determination of this Legislature that it is necessary to cause a revision of the Constitution of the State of Florida; that this determination be entered upon the respective journals of the two houses of this Legislature, with the yeas and nays, and that the same is referred to the Legislature next hereafter to be chosen, and shall be published in at least three newspapers of this State for three months before the time for choosing the next Legislature;" and

Whereas, Said publication as above mentioned aroused comparatively no enthusiasm among the people in favor of a revision of our State Constitution; and

Whereas, From the message of the Honorable Wm. D. Bloxham, Governor of Florida, read in our hearing on yesterday, it appears that our State is rapidly enlarging its facilities for educating its youth, and is increasing in wealth, population and power under the present Constitution:

*Resolved*, That it is the judgment of the Senate that it is not necessary to call a convention for the purpose of revising the Constitution of the State of Florida.

The further consideration of this motion was postponed until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Chandler offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Rule 20 of the Standing Rules of the Senate be amended by inserting before the word "and" in the last line the following words: "A Committee on Temperance;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Polhill moved that five hundred copies of the Senate Journals be printed daily for the use of the members.

Mr. Chandler offered as a substitute that four hundred copies be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Spear offered an amendment that two hundred and fifty copies be printed daily ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Spear moved to lay the motion on the table ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Fortner, McKinne, Polhill, Spear, Swearingen—7.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Crill, Dell, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Leslie, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard—23.

Which was not agreed to.

The substitute offered by Mr. Chandler was then adopted.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced :

By Mr. Greeley :

Senate bill No. 2 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Jas. A. Pickett, Jr.; Which was read by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

Senate bill No. 3 :

To be entitled an act to regulate assignments of insolvent persons ;

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

Mr. Hendricks introduced the following bill :

Senate bill No. 4 :

To be entitled An act to allow Married Women to testify in all Criminal Cases wherein their Husbands are parties in this State ;

Which was read and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Fortner introduced the following bill :

Senate bill No. 5 :

To be entitled An act to Incorporate the Fort Meade, Key-stone & Walk-in-the-water Railroad Company ;

Which was read and referred to Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Chandler introduced the following bill :

Senate bill No. 6 :

To be entitled An act to Prohibit the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in cases of larceny ;

Which was read and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Pope introduced the following bills :

Senate bill No. 7 :

To be entitled An act in Relation to Mortgaged Cotton and other Personal Property ;

Which was read and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Also,

Senate bill No. 8 :

To be entitled An act to Repeal chapter 3143, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled an act to Regulate the sale of certain Agricultural Products in this State, being Chapter 3014 of the Laws of Florida ;

Also,

Senate bill No. 9 :

To be entitled An act to Repeal Chapter 3014, Laws of Florida, being An act entitled An act to Regulate the Sale of Certain Agricultural Products in this State, approved March 2d, 1877 ;

Which were read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also,

Senate bill No. 10 :

To be entitled An act to Repeal Chapter 3247 of the Laws of Florida, entitled An act Relating to Landlord's Lien for what and upon what it exists, approved February 22, 1881 ;

Which was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also,

Senate bill No. 11 :

To be entitled An act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 3010 of the Laws of Florida, approved February 17, 1877 ;

Which was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Delano introduced the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs be increased to seven by the appointment of two additional members by the President ;

Which was read and adopted.

Messrs. Spear and Greeley were appointed on the committee.

Upon motion of Mr. McKinne, Mr. Greeley was added to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The President announced the following as the Standing Committee on Temperance :

J. C. Greeley, Chairman ; Messrs. Mann, Sharpe, Spear and Bryson.

Mr. Allen offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the membership of the Judiciary Committee be increased by the appointment of two additional members;

Which was read and adopted.

Messrs. Pope and Mann were added to the committee.

The President announced as the Standing Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Mr. Crill, Chairman; Messrs. Powers, McKinne, Greeley, Sharpe, Leslie and Swearingen.

Mr. McKinne submitted the following report:

WHEREAS, It hath seemed good to Divine Providence to remove from the scenes of his earthly trials and troubles, as well as its joys and honors, our esteemed and respected colleague, Hon. John C. Walker, late Senator from the Sixth District, while we bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well; Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, Recognizing in the late Hon. John C. Walker, a true son of Florida, deeply concerned in her welfare and interests, a gentleman of high purity of character and an exalted conception of the duties of a citizen,

*Resolved*, That we extend to the family of the late Hon. J. C. Walker our deepest sympathy.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our Journals, and a copy of the resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased;

Which was adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. McKinne also submitted the following report:

WHEREAS, It hath seemed good to Divine Providence to remove from the scenes of his earthly trials, as well as its joys and honors, our esteemed and respected colleague, Hon. J. W. Hendry, from the Twelfth Senatorial District, whilst we bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, Recognizing in the late Hon. J. W. Hendry a true son of Florida, deeply concerned in her welfare and interests, a gentleman of high purity of character, and an exalted conception of the duties of a citizen,

*Resolved*, That we extend to the family of the late J. W. Hendry our deepest sympathy.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our journals, and a copy of the resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased;

Which was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, the Senate went into Executive Session.

Upon the doors being opened, Mr. Bryson moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

FRIDAY, January 5, 1883.

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, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Leslie, Mann, Mountien, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Shepard, Spear and Swearingen—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by Senator Duncan.

Mr. Allen moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 4, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

A joint resolution appointing a joint committee to investigate the Internal Improvement Fund,

And appointed Messrs. Gaskins, Getzen and Witherspoon as such committee on the part of the Assembly, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read.

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HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Joint resolution relative to the appointing of a joint committee to examine the Comptroller's and Treasurer's books,

And have appointed Messrs. Edwards, Whidden and Bryant of Polk as such committee on the part of the Assembly, and