

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

respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

W. M. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Mr. Duncan asked that the Chaplain, Mr. Kennedy, be excused for a few days;

Which was agreed to.

The following resolutions were offered:

By Mr. Spear:

Resolved, That the Governor's Message be referred as follows:

Of finance and taxation, to Committee on Finance and Taxation;

Of taxing improvements, to Committee on Finance and Taxation;

Of railroads and canals, to Committee on Railroads;

Of lands sold for taxes, to Judiciary Committee;

Of Internal Improvement Fund, to Judiciary Committee;

Of Disston sale, to Committee on Public Lands;

Of settlers on public lands, to Committee on Public Lands;

Of reclamation of lands, to Committee on Public Lands;

Of canals, to Committee on Railroads and Canals;

Of education, to Committee on Education;

Of deaf mutes, to Committee on Education;

Of the Agricultural College Fund, to Committee on Education;

Of immigration, to Committee on Immigration;

Of Atlanta Exposition, to Committee on State Affairs;

Of Indian War claims, to Committee on Claims;

Of Insane Asylum, to Committee on State Affairs;

Of State convicts, to Committee on State Affairs;

Of arrest of criminals, to Judiciary Committee;

Of settlers in St. John's County, to Committee on City and County Organization;

Of Constitutional Convention, to Committee on Constitutional Convention;

Of Digest of the Laws, to Judiciary Committee;

Of Capitol furniture, &c., to Committee on Appropriations;

Of reports of departments, to Committee of the Whole.

Which was read and adopted.

By Mr. Greeley:

Resolved, That ten thousand copies of the Governor's message be printed for the use of the Bureau of Immigration;

Which was read and adopted.

Also,

Resolved, That the Committee on Agriculture be requested

to examine as to the expediency of creating the office of Commissioner of Agriculture and report by bill or otherwise;

Which was read and referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Chandler:

WHEREAS, Much dissatisfaction exists as to the present location of the Capitol,

Resolved, That the Committee on State Affairs be and the same is hereby instructed to take into immediate consideration the advisability of preparing a bill submitting to the votes of the citizens of Florida the question of moving the capital to a more central location;

Which was read and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Mann:

Senate bill No. 12:

To be entitled an act declaring who shall compose the Board of Public Instruction in each county in this State;

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Fortner:

Senate bill No. 13:

To be entitled an act for the protection of married women who are *non compos mentis*;

Was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Sharpe:

Senate bill No. 14:

To be entitled an act requiring transportation companies to forward freights by such lines and routes or connections as shippers may direct;

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee railroads and Telegraphs.

By Mr. Pope:

Senate bill No. 15:

To be entitled an act in relation to official printing;

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. Swearingen:

Senate bill No. 16:

To be entitled an act to grant aid for the construction of the Thomasville, Tallahassee and Gulf Railroad;

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Hendricks:
Senate bill No. 17:
To be entitled an act for the protection of life, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Crill:
Senate bill No. 18:
To be entitled An act in relation to last wills and testaments.

Read first time and referred to Judiciary committee.

By Mr. McKinne:
Senate bill no 19:

To be entitled An act to provide for an election to enable the people of Florida to declare whether they will meet in convention to revise the existing Constitution; to elect delegates thereto; to fix the time and place of such convention and the compensation of its delegates and officials, and also for subsequent election to ratify or reject such revised Constitution.

Read first time and referred to committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Mr. Hankins moved 150 copies of said bill be printed.

Mr. Powers amended by making it 300 copies;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chandler moved that the rules be suspended, and the resolution appointing a joint committee to investigate the Internal Improvement Fund be taken up, read by its title and read the second time.

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

Which was agreed to.

The following Assembly resolution was taken up and read: *Resolved*, That a committee of three on the part of the Assembly, and two on the part of the Senate, be appointed to investigate the condition of the Internal Improvement Fund, and report at the earliest practicable moment.

Referred to committee on Public Lands.

Joint resolution from the Assembly in relation to the appointment of a committee to examine the Comptroller's and Treasurer's books;

Read first time and referred to committee on State Affairs.
The Judiciary Committee made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 5, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—

Joint resolution asking that a committee of two from the Senate and three from the Assembly be appointed to investigate the affairs of the office of Commissioner of Lands and Immigration, and that such committee be invested with power to send for persons and papers, report that—

They have examined and considered the same, and recommend that it do pass with the following amendment, viz: Strike out all after the word Immigration.

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE,
Chairman pro tem.

Which was adopted.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 5, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 6, to be entitled an act to prohibit the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in cases of larceny, report that—

They have examined the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE,
Chairman pro tem.

Yeas and nays being called for on the motion to adopt the report the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Leslie, Mann, Mountien, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Spear and Swearingen—27.

Nays—Chandler, Cole and Proctor—3.

Report of committee was adopted.

Also,

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred 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, have examined the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE,
Chairman pro tem.

Which was adopted.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the President announced that the Senate would now take up the following joint 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.

Mr. Dell moved to lay the motion to adopt the resolution on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Leslie, Mann, Mountien, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Spear and Swearingen—24.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cole, Greeley and Proctor—6.

So the motion was carried.

Mr. McKinne moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baker moved that the Senate adjourn to 10 o'clock Monday;

Which was not agreed to.

The following joint resolutions were received from the Assembly:

Resolved, That a committee of three on the part of the Assembly be appointed to act with a similar committee on part

of the Senate to examine the Comptroller's and Treasurer's books, and employ such clerical aid as may be necessary.

[The above joint resolution was adopted and Messrs. Edwards, Whidden and Bryant of Polk were appointed such committee on part of the Assembly.]

Which was read and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senators Baker, Greeley and Cole were excused until Monday.

Mr. Spear moved to adjourn to 10 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

CONFIRMATIONS.

W. H. Sessions, to be Collector of Revenue for Suwannee county.

G. W. Umstead, to be Assessor of Taxes for Suwannee county.

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SATURDAY, January 6, 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, Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Mann, Mountien, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Spear, Swearingen—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by Senator Duncan.

Mr. Delano moved to dispense with the reading of the journal;

Which was agreed to.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

The following joint resolutions were introduced:

By Mr. Mann:

Be it resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, that a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House be appointed to investigate the Disston land sale by Internal Improvement trustees;

Which was read and referred to Committee on State Affairs.