

Messrs. Mallory and Cole were appointed on committee to investigate the Internal Improvement Fund.

The Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors being opened, Mr. McClellan moved that the Senate adjourn to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

CONFIRMATIONS.

W. A. Gevins, to be Collector of Revenue for Hillsborough county.

Hugh A. Galligher, to be Assessor of Taxes for Hillsborough county.

Z. T. Crawford, to be County Judge for Manatee county.

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

C. C. Pearce, to be Collector of Revenue for Leon county.

G. A. Croom, to be Assessor of Taxes for Leon county.

Alex. Moseley, to be Sheriff of Leon county.

Joseph Price, to be Collector of Revenue for Putnam county.

J. W. Woods, to be Assessor of Taxes for Putnam county.

James J. Johnson, to be Sheriff of Lafayette county.

TUESDAY, January 9, 1883.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Hankins, Hatcher, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Dell moved to dispense with reading the journal;

Which was agreed to.

The journal was corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Sharpe offered the following joint resolution:

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3, Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, The Legislature, under the Constitution of A. D. 1868, of the State of Florida, did at its eleventh session A. D. 1881, in due form, by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each of the two houses, propose and agree to amend Section 3, Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, as follows:

Sec. 3: The several Judicial Circuits of the Circuit Courts shall be as follows: The First Judicial Circuit shall be composed of the counties of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington and Jackson; the Second Judicial Circuit shall be composed of the counties of Gadsden, Liberty, Calhoun, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla and Jefferson; the Third Judicial Circuit shall be composed of the counties of Madison, Taylor, Lafayette, Hamilton, Suwannee and Columbia; the Fourth Judicial Circuit shall be composed of the counties of Nassau, Duval, Baker, Bradford, Clay and St. Johns; the Fifth Judicial Circuit shall be composed of the counties of Putnam, Alachua, Levy, Marion and Sumter; the Sixth Judicial Circuit shall be composed of the counties of Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Polk and Monroe; the Seventh Judicial Circuit shall be composed of the counties of Volusia, Brevard, Orange and Dade; *Provided*, That the Legislature shall at all times have power to change the boundaries of said Circuits, and to take from one Circuit and place in another any or all of said counties, or any new county that may be formed out of the same,

And did cause the yeas and nays to be entered upon the respective journals thereof and referred the same to the Legislature then next to be chosen; therefore, be it

Resolved by the People of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, That the said proposed amendment aforesaid is hereby ratified, agreed to and confirmed;

Was read and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Mr. Hendricks was excused for to-day, on account of sickness.

Mr. Delano moved that the resolution to revise the Constitution be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendment;

Which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Mann:

Senate bill No. 42 :

To be entitled an act to grant State lands to certain persons ;

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

Also,

Senate bill No. 43 :

To be entitled an act to declare Bay and Crystal river navigable ;

Which was read first time and referred to the Committee on Navigation.

By Mr. Dell :

Senate bill No. 44 :

To be entitled an act to confer Police power upon conductors of passenger trains in this State; and to provide a punishment for neglect of official duty ;

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also,

Senate bill No. 45 :

To be entitled an act for the prevention of cruelty to animals ;

Read first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Cottrell :

Senate bill No. 46 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 48 of the act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved March 5, 1881;

Which was read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Proctor :

Senate bill No. 47 :

To be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by Emanuel Smith and Ritta Smith ;

Which was read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Also,

Senate bill No. 48 :

To be entitled an act giving to Judges of the Circuit Court of this State the authority of granting letters of adoption and changing names of minor children ;

Which was read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. McKinne :

Senate bill No. 49 :

To be entitled an act to punish the breaking and entering, or the entering without breaking, of a building, in the daytime, or entering in the night-time without breaking, with intent to commit a misdemeanor ;

Which was read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Fortner :

Senate bill No. 50 :

To be entitled an act for the protection of real estate owners in this State ;

Which was read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY Hall, Tallahassee, January 8, 1883.

Hon. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has appointed Messrs. Whidden, Grady, Floyd, Cobb and Lyle a committee on the part of the Assembly to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate to take into consideration the matter of public health.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 8, 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 concurrent resolution for the appointment of a joint committee consisting of five members of the Assembly and three members of the Senate to examine the work of Tax Assessors on agricultural statistics during the year, A. D. 1878, and appointed Messrs. Grady, McMullen, Floyd, Putnam and Baker 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.

Mr. Allen moved its adoption ;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Dell, Crill and Speer as the committee.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Jan. 9, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred Senate bill No. 31, entitled an act relating to the crime of larceny ; also,

Senate bill No. 32, entitled an act to require Justices of the Peace to give bonds ; also,

Senate bill No. 25, entitled an act in relation to insolvent debtors ; also,

Senate bill No. 34, entitled an act fixing the fees and per diem of certain officers ; also,

Senate bill No. 38, entitled an act to correct an error in the name of John E. Lawless, on record in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Escambia County, Florida ; also,

Senate bill No. 36, entitled an act for the adoption of a child by Henry R. Benjamin, and the making of said child his heir at law,

Respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined said bills and recommend that they do pass.

Respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

Also,

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 9, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—Senate bill No. 30, entitled an act to amend Section 1, Chapter 3273, Laws of Florida, approved February 9, 1881 ; also,

Senate bill No. 41, entitled an act combining the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor for the counties therein named, respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that they do not pass.

Respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Speer, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 9, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on State Affairs to whom was referred

joint resolution to take into consideration the Public Health of this State, have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

J. G. SPEER, Chairman.
DUNCAN,
HANKINS,
POLHILL,

Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Committee on Constitutional Amendments report as follows :

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—You Committee on Constitutional Amendments have examined the following resolution and recommend that it do pass:

Joint Resolution in reference to a Constitutional Convention.

The People of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows: That this Legislature agrees to the necessity for a revision of the entire Constitution of the State of Florida, contemplated by a joint resolution of the last Legislature, entitled a concurrent resolution relating to a call of a Convention to revise the Constitution, and duly published as required by Section 2, Article 17, of said Constitution.

E. S. CRILL, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

The Judiciary Committee made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 9, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—Senate bill No. 22, entitled "an act to make larceny after trust delegated a felony,"

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do not pass, the Committee having already reported favorably on a bill covering the same ground.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 9, 1883.
 HON. L. W. BETHEL,
President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments have examined Senate bill No. 27, and recommend that it be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Very respectfully,
 E. S. CRILL, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.
 Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 9, 1883.
 HON. L. W. BETHEL,
President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments have examined the resolution introduced by Mr. Chandler, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,
 E. S. CRILL, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.
 Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 9, 1883.
 HON. L. W. BETHEL,
President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee have examined the enclosed resolution and recommend that it do not pass, as a similar resolution has already been adopted.

Very respectfully,
 E. S. CRILL, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 9, 1883
 HON. L. W. BETHEL,
President of the Senate :

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

Senate bill No. 15, to be entitled an act in relation to official printing,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed. Respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, Chairman.

Which was read.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 9, 1883.
 HON. L. W. BETHEL,
President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee to whom was referred—
 Concurrent resolution to raise a joint committee to investigate the Disston land sale as made by the Board of Trustees, etc.,

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,
 J. G. SPEER, Chairman,
 DUNCAN,
 HANKINS.
 POLHILL,
 Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Agriculture submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 9, 1883.
 HON. L. W. BETHEL,
President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred Senate resolution in regard to the expediency of creating the office of Commissioner of Agriculture, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that said office of Commission of Agriculture be created and be consolidated with the office of Commissioner of Immigration, and the two to be known as the office of Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration. Respectfully,

J. B. DELL, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. McKinne, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 9, 1883.
 HON. L. W. BETHEL,
President of the Senate :

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

Senate bill No. 39, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Citizen's Bank of Pensacola,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it be adopted.

Very respectfully,
 JOHN H. MCKINNE, Chairman.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 9, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 21, to be entitled an act to incorporate an institution of learning at Key West, Monroe county, &c.,

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

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE, Chairman.

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

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 25:

To be entitled an act in relation to insolvent debtors.

The bill was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Mr. Pope moved to waive the rules, and that the bill be read the third time and put upon its passage.

Mr. Pope withdrew the motion.

Mr. Landrum moved that 150 copies of the bill be printed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 21:

To be entitled an act relating to larceny.

The bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 32:

To be entitled an act to require Justices of the Peace to give bond.

The bill was read second time and put back on its second reading.

Senate bill No. 28:

To be entitled an act to authorize the adoption of Lydia Thompson by W. B. Gaines, of Santa Rosa county, and to make her his heir at law.

The bill was read the second time and put back on its second reading for to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 34:

To be entitled an act fixing the fees and per diem of certain officers.

The bill was read the second time.

Mr. McKinne moved that the bill be placed back upon its second reading;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 36:

To be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by H. R. Benjamin, and the making of said child his heir at law.

The bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 38:

To be entitled an act to correct an error in the name of J. E. Lawless on record in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Escambia county, Fla.

The bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Joint resolution in reference to a Constitutional Convention was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Joint resolution relative to the appointment of a joint committee to take into consideration the public health of this State was read the second time and adopted.

Messrs. Crill, Mountien, Swearingen, McClellan and Baker were appointed as the committee.

Joint resolution to investigate the Disston sale was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate bill No. 15:

To be entitled an act in relation to official printing, Was read the third time.

Mr. Mallory moved to lay the bill on the table,

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Hankins, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, McKinne, Sharpe, Sheppard and Speer—13.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Delano, Hatcher, Landrum, Mountien, McClellan, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts and Swearingen—16.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. McKinne moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Thursday 11 o'clock A. M.;

Which was agreed to.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, which was made the special order for

Senate bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled, 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.

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 9, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—Senate bill No. 23; to be entitled an act to prevent slander and defamation,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that the accompanying bill be adopted and passed as a substitute therefor. S. R. MALLORY, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Mallory moved the adoption of the report.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Pope offered the following amendment :

Amend by striking out all the words between "chastity" and "shall ;"

Which was adopted.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 39 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Citizens' Bank of Pensacola.

Committee report the bill do pass.

The bill was read the second time.

The report was adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 21 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate an institution of learning at Key West, Monroe county, Florida.

The bill was read the second time.

Committee report that the bill do pass.

Report of Committee adopted.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Concurrent resolution from the Assembly for the appointment of a joint Committee to examine McClellan's Digest and report whether the same is a correct Digest of the statutes of this State ;

Was read and adopted.

The following committee was appointed :

Messrs. Mallory, Pope and McKinne.

On motion, the Senate went into executive session.

Upon the doors being opened, Mr. Crill moved that a committee of six be appointed to visit the Lunatic Asylum ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bryson was excused for three days.

The President appointed on the committee to visit the Asylum, Messrs. Crill, Mann, Sheppard, Dell, McKinne, Baker, Mountien and Hendricks.

Mr. Speer moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow ;

Which was agreed to.

CONFIRMATIONS.

J. A. Fortner, to be County Judge of the county of Polk.
J. D. Tillis, to be Collector of Revenue for the county of Polk.

W. H. Johnson, to be Assessor of Taxes for the county of Polk.

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WEDNESDAY, January 10, 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, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Hankins, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Powers :
Resolution to appoint a Committee to visit Convict Camp and make report, recommendations, etc.

Resolved by the Senate, That a committee of five from this body be appointed to visit the convict camp and report the condition, management and treatment of the prisoners, and report what legislation, if any, is necessary for the treatment, government, management and discipline of the convicts.

Which was read.

Mr. Powers moved the adoption of the resolution ;

Which was agreed to and Messrs. Powers, Bryson, Hankins, Pope and Chandler appointed said committee.