

MONDAY, January 15, 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, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer, Swearingen—23.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, MEMORIAS AND PETITIONS.

Mr Greeley presented the following petition:

Petition for a Local Option Law.

To the Honorable Senate and Assembly of the State of Florida:

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, citizens and residents of the county of _____, Florida, respectfully petition your honorable bodies to pass what is termed and commonly known as a Local Option Liquor Law, whereby any city, town or county in this State may, by a majority of the votes cast in favor thereof, prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within its limits, and to provide by statute the mode and manner of carrying such Local Option Law into effect.

Which was signed by 253 citizens from Duval county, 83 from St. Johns, 83 from Polk, 148 from Putnam, 305 from Alachua, 62 from Gadsden, 243 from Orange, 54 from Columbia, 102 from Hernando, 231 from Volusia, 50 from Jefferson.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Mallory:

Senate bill No 66:

To be entitled an act to change the division line between Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, in this State;

Which was read first time and referred to Committee on City and County Organizations.

By Mr. Fortner:

Senate bill No. 67:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Anderson Taylor;

Which was read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Greeley:

Senate bill No. 68:

To be entitled an act to adopt a child by W. W. and Pauline C. Keep, of Gadsden county;

Which was read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Also,

Senate bill No. 69:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Bank of Jacksonville, of Jacksonville, Duval county;

Which was read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Mann moved that the Senate Committee on Commerce and Navigation be increased by the addition of two members, and named Messrs. Delano and Bryson as such members.

The motion was withdrawn.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following report was read and adopted:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 15, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Special Committee to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Assembly to examine the agricultural reports as rendered by Tax Assessors in 1877-78, and report thereon as to the value thereof to the State,

Would most respectfully state that we find on file 36 agricultural reports of 1877-78, and find that they were prepared by said Assessors with labor and expense, and have been of value to the State, as the Agricultural Statistics have been published therefrom. We suggest and recommend that an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) be made and placed to order of the Comptroller, with instructions to pay each Assessor according to the value of said report or reports to the State. A list of the counties from which reports were made is herewith annexed, viz:

Jackson, Suwannee, Monroe, Sumter, Escambia, Hillsborough, Hernando, Marion, Lafayette, Calhoun, Alachua, Duval, Volusia, Nassau, Polk, Putnam, Liberty, Clay, Gadsden, Holmes, Franklin, Washington, Manatee, Baker, Columbia,

Bradford, Taylor, Walton, St. Johns, Wakulla, Madison and Santa Rosa.

Very respectfully,
J. B. DELL,
Chairman Senate Committee.
J. E. GRADY,
Chairman Assembly Committee.

The Committee on Claims made the following report:
SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 15, 1883.

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

SIR—Your Committee on Claims to whom was referred—Senate bill No. 58, entitled an act for the relief of Drs. H. L. R. Roberts and E. A. Todd, have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,
J. G. SPEER, Chairman.

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

By leave, Mr. Landrum introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 70:
To be entitled an act to carry into effect section 7, of article 14, of the Constitution of the State of Florida;

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

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 58:
To be entitled an act for the relief of Drs. H. L. R. Roberts and E. A. Todd;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Mallory moved that the Senate take a recess until 12 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

TWELVE O'CLOCK M.

The Senate resumed its session.

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, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Speer—24.
A quorum present.

Mr. McClellan offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, That no member shall be permitted to speak longer than five minutes upon any question pending before the Senate without consent of a majority of the members;

Which was read.

Mr. Chandler raised a point of order that the resolution conflicted with rule 9, Rules of the Senate.

The point raised was not sustained.

Mr. Cole moved to lay the resolution on the table;

The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cole, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Mann, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Swearingen—16.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Cottrell, Fortner, Landrum, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Powers and Speer—10.

So the motion to lay on the table prevailed.

Mr. Sharpe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That no resolution or petition of more than ten lines of the journal be spread upon the journal without consent of the Senate;

Which was read.

Mr. Sharpe withdrew the resolution.

Mr. Mountien offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Senate to investigate the cost of the public printing done by the order of the Legislature of Florida; also, the cost of the public printing done for the different departments of the State; Which was read and adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Dell, Chairman of the Committee on Militia, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 15, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 62, to be entitled an act to provide for the preservation of the battle flags of the Florida Regiments engaged in the late war between the States,

Have examined the same and beg leave to report favorably, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. B. DELL, Chairman.

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

Messrs. Mountien, Powers and Cole were appointed as a Committee provided for in Mr. Mountien's resolution.

Senate bill No. 62:

To be entitled an act to provide for the preservation of the battle flags of the Florida regiments engaged in the late war between the States.

Mr. Crill moved to strike out the word "stained ;"

Which was agreed to.

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

Assembly bill No. 22:

To be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by James G. Bellamy and Susan Bellamy;

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

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The following messages were received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 15, 1883.

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. 31, to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3315, Laws of Florida, relating to municipal corporations;

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. F. 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, Fla., Jan. 15, 1883.

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. 26, to be entitled an act to establish boundary lines for the moorage and anchorage of vessels in the harbors of this State,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. F. 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, Fla., January 15, 1883.

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. 22, to be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by James G. Bellamy and Susan Bellamy,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. F. 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, Fla., Jan. 15, 1883.

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. 50, to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expense of collecting revenue for the year 1883,

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, Fla., Jan. 15, 1883.

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. 53, to be entitled an act to prohibit county officers from buying at a discount or speculating in State, county or school scrip, and to provide a penalty therefor,

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, Fla., January 15, 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—

Concurrent resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the status of the several railroad incorporations in this State entitled to lands from the Internal Improvement Fund,

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 joint resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill No. 26:

To be entitled an act to establish boundary lines for the moorage and anchorage of vessels in the harbors of the State of Florida,

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Assembly bill No. 31:

To be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3315, Laws of Florida, relating to municipal corporations,

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

The following messages from the Assembly were received and read:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 15, 1883.

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. 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 to regulate the sale of certain agricultural products in this State, being Chapter 3014 of the Laws of Florida.

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, January 15, 1883.

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. 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 2, 1877.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Assembly bill No. 50:

To be entitled an act making appropriations for the expense for collecting revenue for the year 1883,

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

Assembly bill No. 53:

To be entitled an act to prohibit county officers from buying at a discount or speculating in State, county or school scrip, and to provide a penalty therefor,

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

Concurrent resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the status of the several railroad incorporations in this State entitled to lands from the Internal Improvement Fund,

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 15:

To be entitled an act in relation to official printing.

Mr. Polhill moved that the bill be put back upon its second reading.

The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Hatcher, Landrum, Mallory, Mann, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—18.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Delano, Greeley, Mountien, Pope, Powers and Proctor—10.

The President announced that the motion was lost.

The bill was then read the third time.

Mr. Bryson asked that the bill go back to the Committee on Engrossed Bills for correction;

Which was agreed to.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 15, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 10, to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3247, of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act relating to landlords' liens for what and upon what it exists, approved February 22, 1881; also,

Senate bill No. 55, to be entitled an act to supply maimed soldiers with artificial limbs; also,

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

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 frame a Constitution, to elect delegates thereto, to fix the time and place of such Convention, and also for a subsequent election to ratify or reject such Constitution,

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

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, Chairman.

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

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 frame a Constitution, to elect delegates there-

to, to fix the time and place of such convention, also a subsequent election to ratify or reject such Constitution,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Mr. McKinne moved that the Senate go into executive session.

Which was agreed to.

Upon the doors being opened, Mr. Landrum moved that there be printed for the use of the members, 150 copies of Senate bill No. 70, entitled an act to carry into effect section 7, of article 14, of the Constitution of the State of Florida;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Delano moved that the Senate adjourn until 4 o'clock P. M.;

Which was agreed to.

CONFIRMATIONS.

F. W. Faulkner, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court for Dade county.

W. M. Mattaur, to be Sheriff for Dade county.

W. H. Benest, to be Collector of Revenue for Dade county.

W. H. Benest, to be Assessor of Taxes for Dade county.

F. M. Sanchez, to be Commissioner of Pilotage for St. Johns county.

A. D. Rogero, to be Assessor of Taxes for St. Johns county.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—30.

A quorum present.

The consideration was resumed of 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 frame a Constitution, to elect delegates thereto, to fix the time and place of such Convention, and also for a subsequent election to ratify or reject such Constitution.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 15, 1883.

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

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

Senate bill No. 68, to be entitled an act to adopt a child by W. W. and Pauline C. Keep, of Gadsden county; also,

Senate bill No. 69, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Bank of Jacksonville, Duval county, Florida,

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

Very respectfully,
S. R. MALLORY, Chairman.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 15, 1883.

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

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

Senate bill No. 70, to be entitled an act to carry into effect Section 7 of Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Florida,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,
S. R. MALLORY,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

Also report the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 15, 1883.

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

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—
Assembly bill No. 22, to be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by James G. Bellamy and Susan Bellamy,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it pass, with the following amendment, to-wit: In the eleventh line of Section 1 strike out the word "was" and insert the word "were" in lieu thereof.

Very respectfully,
S. R. MALLORY, Chairman.

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

The consideration was again resumed of Senate bill No. 19, entitled an act to provide for an election to enable the people of Florida to declare whether they will meet in Convention to frame a Constitution, to elect delegates thereto, to fix the time and place of such Convention, and also for a subsequent election to ratify or reject such Constitution.

Mr. Baker moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The motion was lost.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Cone, Cottrell, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Pope, Powers, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingin—22.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Crill, Delano, Greeley, Proctor and Roberts—8.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 68:

To be entitled an act to adopt a child by W. W. and Pauline C. Keep, of Gadsden county.

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

Senate bill No. 69:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Bank of Jacksonville, of Jacksonville, Duval county.

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

Assembly bill No. 22:

To be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by James G. Bellamy and Susan Bellamy.

The committee reported favorably, with amendments.

The report was adopted.

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

Senate bill No. 25:

To be entitled an act in relation to insolvent debtors.

Mr. McKinne moved that the bill lay over until 11 o'clock Wednesday,

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Landrum asked that Senate bills No. 30 and 41 be placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

So ordered.

Mr. Swearingen moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

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TUESDAY, January 16, 1883.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Mallory:

Senate bill No. 71:

To be entitled an act to encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer State Troops;

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

By Mr. Bryson:

Senate bill No. 72:

To be entitled an act for the relief of the city of Jacksonville, and the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson and Leon;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee Railroads and Telegraphs.

By Mr. Greeley:

Senate bill No. 73:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1, Chapter 3253, Laws of Florida, fixing coroners' fees, &c.;

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Baker introduced the following joint resolution: Joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Florida relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors;

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

Mr. Landrum presented a petition, signed by 150 names, asking for the amendment of the Constitution of the State so as to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors;

Which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 16, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL;

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly bill No. 50, entitled an act making appropriation for the expenses of collecting revenue for the year 1883,

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

Very respectfully,

JNO. T. LESLEY, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 16, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred— Senate bill No. 61, entitled an act for the relief of Ellis W. Hankins & Co.,

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

Very respectfully,

J. G. SPEER, Chairman.

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