

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.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 16, 1883.

Hon. L. W. BETHEL,  
*President of the Senate :*

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

Senate bill No. 59, to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 1986 of the Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to amend Section 3, Chapter 8 of an act to provide for the punishment of crimes, and proceedings in criminal cases, approved February 3, 1874, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Your committee also return herewith Senate Bill No. 15, to be entitled an act in relation to official printing, corrected in engrossment; also return

Assembly bill No. 1, to be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by Lemuel Pattison and his wife, Phetama Patterson; also,

Assembly bill No. 22, to be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by James G. Bellamy and Susan Bellamy, with amendments engrossed.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, Chairman.

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

Mr. Delano, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 16, 1883.

Hon. L. W. BETHEL,  
*President of the Senate :*

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

Assembly concurrent resolution for the appointment of a Joint Committee to investigate the status of the several railroad corporations in this State entitled to lands from the Internal Improvement Fund,

Have carefully considered the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO, Chairman.

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

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 30 :

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1, Chapter 3273, Laws of Florida, approved February 9, 1881,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 41 :

To be entitled an act combining the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor for the counties therein named.

The Committee reported adverse to the bill.

The bill was read the second time.

Mr. Mallory moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Duncan, Fortner, Hankins, Hendricks, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—21.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Dell, Greeley, Hatcher, Landrum, Lesley and Proctor—7.

The motion prevailed.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Senate bill No. 70 :

To be entitled an act to carry into effect Section 7, of Article of 14, of the Constitution of the State of Florida ;

Mr. Greeley offered the following amendment :

To section 1, Senate bill No. 70, amend to read, " 1883," instead of 1880.

Mr. Baker moved its adoption.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Sharpe offered the following amendment :

*Provided*, This law shall not apply to those living in thinly settled communities ;

And moved its adoption.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Chandler offered the following amendment :

Strike out the words " and whereas said clause of the Constitution is obligatory and mandatory upon the Legislature ;"

And moved its adoption.

The yeas and nays being called, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe and Sheppard—23.

Nays—Messrs. Hatcher, Landrum, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne and Speer—6.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. McClellan offered the following amendment :

*And provided further*, That this act shall not apply to any qualified elector ;

And moved its adoption.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Landrum moved that the bill be recommitted.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Chandler moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The yeas and nays being called for the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Lesley, Mallory, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen.—23.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Delano, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Mountien, McClellan and Powers—8.

The motion prevailed.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Assembly bill No. 50:

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

Was read the second time and placed among the orders of the day.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Mann, Chairman of the Committee on Immigration, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 16, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bill No. 24, to be entitled an act to establish a Bureau and Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration, and to repeal an act entitled an act to establish a Bureau of Immigration for the State of Florida, and to promote the rapid settlement of the State lands, approved March 7, 1879, Chapter 3151, Laws of Florida.

Beg leave to report that after careful consideration of the same they unanimously recommend the passage of the accompanying substitute instead thereof.

Very respectfully,

A. S. MANN, Chairman.

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

Mr. Polhill moved that one hundred and fifty copies of the bill be printed;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was read the second time and ordered to be laid over until Thursday, the 18th instant, at 12 o'clock.

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

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

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—  
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,  
Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it pass with the accompanying amendment.  
Your Committee also herewith submit a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit officers of municipal corporations from buying at a discount or speculating in city or town scrip, and to provide a penalty therefor, which in the opinion of your Committee is worthy of no less favorable consideration than the above entitled Assembly bill.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLOBY, Chairman.

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

Mr. Mallory moved to waive the rules, and that the bill so reported be read the second time;

Which was agreed to.

The bill as reported by the committee was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 61:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Ellis W. Hankins, and for other purposes.

The committee reported favorably.

Mr. Mountien moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.  
The motion was lost.

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

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 second time.

On motion, the rules were waived and the resolution was ordered to be read the third time and put upon its passage.

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

The vote was:

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

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed, title as stated.

The President appointed Messrs. Lesley and Cole on the Committee.

#### THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 15:

To be entitled an act in relation to Official Printing.

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Delano, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Pope, Powers, Proctor and Sheppard—18.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Roberts, Sharpe and Speer—11.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. McKinne gave notice that he would make a motion for a reconsideration of the vote just taken, on to-morrow.

Mr. Baker moved that the Senate do adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

W. P. Trantham, to be Collector of Revenue for Marion county.

J. B. Anderson, to be Collector of Revenue for Jackson county.

Frank Phillips, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court for Jackson county.

M. J. Brown, to be Collector of Revenue for Duval county.

D. P. Smith, to be Assessor of Taxes for Duval county.

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 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, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. McKinne gave notice that Mr. Mallory was sick, and asked that he be excused for to-day.

Mr. Mallory was excused.

Part of the journal from Assembly bill No. 65 to third reading of bills, in the third column, was ordered to be expunged as being a part of the journal of the Assembly and not that of the Senate, being an error in printing.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinne moved for a reconsideration of the action of the Senate taken yesterday on Senate bill No. 15, to be entitled an act in relation to official printing.

The yeas and nays being called the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cone, Cottrell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Landrum, Lesley, Mann, McKinne, Roberts, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—15.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Delano, Hatcher, Hendricks, McClellan, Pope, Powers, Proctor and Sheppard—12.

So the motion prevailed, and the vote on the bill was reconsidered.

The Senate went into executive session.

Upon the doors being opened, Mr. Hatcher introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the special committee appointed to visit the convict camps be, and are hereby, instructed to make inquiry as to whether or not any of the convicts now serving sentence under the laws of this State are permitted to hire their own time from the contractor, and if so, by what authority, and report the same to this body;

Which was read and adopted.