

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll of the Senate, with the following result :

For L. W. Rowley : Assembly, 18 ; Senate—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler and Proctor, 4—total, 22.

For R. B. Hilton : Assembly, 8 ; Senate—Messrs. Bryson, Cole, Hatcher, Landrum, Mountien and Sheppard, 6—total, 14.

For C. E. Dyke : Assembly, 37 ; Senate—Messrs. Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Fortner, Hankins, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe, Spear and Swearingen, 17—total, 54.

For L. C. Vaughn : Assembly, 2.

For Blank : Assembly, 9 ; Senate—Messrs. Dell, Greeley and Pope, 3—total, 12.

Senators McKinne and Hankins changed from Vaughan to Dyke.

Mr. C. E. Dyke having received a majority of the number of votes cast was declared by the President elected State Printer for the ensuing two years from the close of the present session of the Legislature.

On motion, the Joint Session then adjourned.

The Senate proceeded to its Chamber.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

On motion the Senate went into executive session.

Upon the doors being opened, Mr. Landrum moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock Monday.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Crill, Greeley, Pope and Proctor—9.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Cottrell, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Mallory, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Spear and Swearingen—19.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bryson asked that the Committee on the Convict Camp be excused until Monday ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinne was excused until Tuesday.

Mr. Landrum moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow ; Which was agreed to.

#### CONFIRMATION.

W. H. H. McLeod, to be Collector of Revenue for Hamilton county.

SATURDAY, January 27, 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, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, Polhill, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Spear and Swearingen—21.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Polhill moved to dispense with the reading of the journal of yesterday ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Sheppard was excused for to-day, also Mr. McClellan was excused for to-day.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bill was introduced :

By Mr. Mallory :

Senate bill No. 31 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Company, with power to lay mains and pipes under the streets, alleys and public squares of said city and under private property, upon making compensation therefor ;

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 27, 1883.  
HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

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

A resolution extending the time for completing the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax Railroad, have carefully considered the same and have prepared a bill which they respectfully recommend do pass in lieu of the original resolution.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.  
Memorial to Congress for an appropriation of money and

land for the purpose of clearing out and making navigable the Suwannee river,

Was read the second time and ordered to lay over.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 97:

To be entitled an act to make an appropriation for the arrest of fugitives from justice for 1883 and 1884, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time and ordered to lay over.

Senate bill No. 108:

To be entitled an act to prevent frauds upon travellers,

Was read the second time and ordered to lie over.

Substitute for Senate bill No. 133:

Resolution for the extension of the time for completion of Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax Railroad.

Substitute was adopted.

Mr. Delano offered the following amendment:

That said lands shall be subject to entry at State prices, to the amount of one hundred and sixty acres, by any person who now resides thereon, or who may settle thereon before the completion of said railroad; and, in either case, the money paid by such settlers shall enure to the benefit of such railroad company, and be paid to said company when the road is completed;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment:

In section 1, line 7, strike out the words "passage of this act" and insert the following in lieu thereof, viz: "28th of February, 1881." In section 2, line 11, strike out the words "passage of this act" and insert the following in lieu thereof, viz: "28th of February, 1881." In section 2, line 14, strike out the words "passage of this act" and insert the following in lieu thereof, viz: "28th of February, 1881." Strike out all of section 3;

Which was read and adopted.

Also the following:

Add the following as a new section:

Sec. —. That nothing in this act, nor the act of 1881, viz: Chapter 3338, Laws of Florida, which this act revives and amends, shall be so construed as to bind the State of Florida, or the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, or the Internal Improvement Fund, to make good any deficiency in the quantity of lands granted to said Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax Railroad Company, if it should hereafter be found that there is not a sufficient quantity of

such lands within the limits specified to make said grant good;

Which was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

The President and Secretary signed the following bill:

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.

Mr. Mann presented the following petition containing 78 signatures:

FORT DADE, FLA., January 22, 1883.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in Session at Tallahassee:*

It having come to our knowledge that a bar-room for the purpose of selling intoxicating liquors is about to be opened in our neighborhood, we, the undersigned, most earnestly petition your honorable bodies to take such action to avert this evil from our doors as in your wisdom seemeth best;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Senate bill No. 89:

To be entitled an act for the introduction of copies of certain records, pleadings, deeds and other instruments of writing in evidence, and to declare the effect thereof.

Mr. Crill withdrew the bill by leave.

Assembly bill No. 105:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and European Steamship Company,

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

Substitute for 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.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendments:

In Section 3, line 4, strike out the words "of equal distance," and insert in lieu thereof the following, viz: "Along its line."

In Section 3, line 4, after the word "any" insert the following: "Officer or agent of any."

Strike out all of Section 3 after the word "corporation" in line 4, and insert, "in this State, violating any of the provisions of this Section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars;"

Which were adopted.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed as amended.

By leave, Mr. Greeley introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 134:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Johns River and Northwestern Railroad;

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

The Committee on Public Lands made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 27, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred—

Resolution relative to the cost of furnishing the field-notes to the different counties,

Beg leave to report that they have sought information from the United States Surveyor General, and beg leave to submit his letter, attached hereto, as furnishing the desired information.

Very respectfully,

J. C. GREELEY, Chairman *pro tem.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA,  
TALLAHASSEE, January 24, 1883.]

*Messrs. Senators Greeley and Cone, Special Committee, Senate Chamber, Florida:*

GENTLEMEN—In reply to a resolution of the Senate of the State of Florida, directing the Committee on Public Lands to ascertain the lowest rate the original field notes of all the counties of this State can be purchased for, in view of furnishing the same for the benefit and guidance of County Surveyors, who are required by law to establish lines in accordance with the original field notes of the United States surveys, copy of which resolution has been transmitted to this office on the 23d instant, I have the honor to state that certified copies of the original field notes of the surveys of townships can be furnished by this office at a cost of \$4 per township, where the subdivisions and boundaries are given, and \$2 per township where the exterior lines and corner witness trees only are given.

Very respectfully,

M. MARTIN, Surveyor General.

Which was read and adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 27, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

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, and to fix the time and place, etc.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read.

Also,

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 27, 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. 151, to be entitled an act for the relief of John M. Lee, of Orange county,  
And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 151:

To be entitled an act for the relief of John M. Lee, of Orange county, Florida.

Mr. Speer asked that the rule be waived, and that the bill be read a second time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Also that the rule be waived, and that the bill be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.  
Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following messages were received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 25, 1883.  
HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has concurred in Senate amendments to—  
Assembly bill No. 1, to be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by Lemuel Patterson and his wife, Phettama Paterson; also,

Concurred in Senate amendments to Assembly bill No. 21, to be entitled an act for the adoption of two children by Andrew Roberts and his wife, Frances H. Roberts.

Very respectfully,

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

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

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 25, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has concurred in Senate amendments to—  
Assembly bill No. 22, to be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by James G. Bellamy and his wife, Susan Bellamy; also,

Concurred in Senate amendments to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 7, relative to surviving soldiers of the war of 1835 and 1836, and surviving soldiers of the Mexican war.

Very respectfully,

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

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

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 25, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has concurred in Senate amendments to—  
Assembly bill No. 53, to be entitled an act to prohibit coun-

ty officers from buying at a discount or speculating in State, County or School Scrip, and to provide a penalty therefor.

Very respectfully,

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

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

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 34 :

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

The Committee recommended the following amendments :

In Sec. 1, line 10, after the word "another," insert the following, viz: "and that there is good reason to apprehend that the facts connected with such death may be concealed, or the evidence of the manner, circumstances or cause of such death may be destroyed or concealed, so as to obstruct the course of justice, unless an inquest be held;"

Which were adopted.

Mr. Greeley offered the following amendment :

Amend Sec. 1, 3d line, "Five" instead of "three;"

Which was adopted.

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

Mr. Lesley was called to the chair.

Senate bill No. 123 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Emory F. Skinner, of Escambia county, in this State,

Was laid over.

Senate bill No. 90 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua Steam Navigation and Canal Company,

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Memorial to Congress asking aid to make navigable Crystal River and Bay, in Hernando county, Fla.,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Memorial to Congress asking an appropriation of money and lands to clear and make navigable the Withlatchoochee river from Panasofka Lake in Sumter county, to its mouth in the Gulf of Mexico, where it divides the counties of Levy and Hernando, in the State of Florida,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Sharpe was called to the chair.

Assembly joint resolution No. 15, from the Legislators of the State of Florida, that the U. S. Congress be requested to

correct certain irregularities in the mail service between Tampa and Key West.

Mr. Leslie moved the indefinite postponement of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Duncan, Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 27, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they have this day presented to the Governor for his consideration, the following acts originating in the Senate:

An act for the adoption of a child by Henry R. Benjamin, and the making of said child his heir at law;

An act to punish slander and defamation of character in certain cases;

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;

An act declaring Crystal River in the county of Hernando, navigable.

Very respectfully,

H. H. DUNCAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Lesley was called to the chair.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate bill No. 46:

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

Ordered that the bill lie over.

Senate bill No. 107:

To be entitled an act for the restoration of certain persons to citizenship,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Dell Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hendricks, Lesley, Mountien, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—16.

Nays—Mr. Hatcher—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 97:

To be entitled an act for the relief of General W. C. Bird and others,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—19.

Nay—Mr. Mountien—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

By leave, Mr. Mallory introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 135:

To be entitled an act for the relief of William L. Williams, of Escambia county;

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

Senate bill No. 2:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Jas. A. Pickett, Jr.,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 76:

To be entitled an act to authorize the Board of Education to compromise and settle with the counties indebted to the School and Seminary Funds.

Mr. Mallory moved to defer further action on the bill until Monday;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 39:

To be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by Henry S. Harmon and Nancy R. Harmon,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Proctor, Roberts and Swearingen—17.

Nays—Messrs. Dell and Mountien—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 46:

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

The bill was ordered to be sent back to Committee on Engrossed Bills, to be properly engrossed.

Assembly bill No. 56:

To be entitled an act to define the boundary lines between the counties of Taylor and Lafayette,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, Proctor, Roberts, Speer and Swearingen—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The President and Secretary signed the following enrolled bill:

An act for the relief of John M. Lee.

Mr. Duncan, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 27, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bill No. 1, to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3220, of the Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes upon improvements on public lands, and for the protection of occupying claimants of said lands, approved February 22, 1881.

Have examined the same and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

H. H. DUNCAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

The President and Secretary signed the following bill:

An act to repeal Chapter 3220, of the Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes upon improvements on public lands, and for the protection of occupying claimants of said lands, approved February 22, 1881.

The Senate went into executive session.

Upon the doors being opened, Mr. Speer moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, 10 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

Joint Committee to investigate the status of the several Railroad Incorporations in this State:

Messrs. LESLEY and COLE.

Joint Committee to investigate the Internal Improvement Fund:

Messrs. MALLORY and COLE.

Joint Committee to investigate the Land Office:

Messrs. DELANO, GREELEY and POPE.

Committee on Public Health of this State:

Messrs. CRILL, MOUNTIEN, SWEARINGEN, McCLELLAN and BAKER.

Joint Committee to examine McClellan's Digest:

Messrs. MALLORY, POPE and McKINNE.

To Visit Lunatic Asylum:

Messrs. CRILL, MANN, SHEPPARD, DELL, McKINNE, BAKER, MOUNTIEN and HENDRICKS.

Joint Committee to investigate the Disston Land Sale:

Messrs. MANN and COLE.

Joint Committee on Roads and Highways:

Messrs. McCLELLAN and POPE.

To investigate the Cost of Public Printing done by order of the Legislature, and by order of the different Departments:

Messrs. MOUNTIEN, POWERS and COLE.

Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

Messrs. CRILL, McKINNE, SHARPE, POWERS, GREELEY, LESLEY and SWEARINGEN.

## Committee to visit Convict Camp:

Messrs. BRYSON, POWERS, CHANDLER, HANKINS  
and POPE.

## Committee on Temperance:

Messrs. GREELEY, MANN, SHARPE, SPEER and  
BRYSON.

## Committee to Examine the Records of the Senate:

Messrs. SHARPE, ALLEN, CRILL, DUNCAN and LES-  
LEY.

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MONDAY, January 29, 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, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell,  
Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Les-  
ley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, Polhill, Pope, Pro-  
ctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Speer—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Polhill, the reading of the journal of the  
27th was dispensed with.

## INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Polhill introduced the following concurrent resolution:

*Be it resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring.* That  
the General Assembly adjourn *sine die* on the 15th of Febru-  
ary, at 12 o'clock M.;

Which was read and ordered to lie over for to-morrow.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:  
By Mr. McClellan:

## Senate bill No. 136:

To be entitled an act to change the terms of the Circuit  
Courts of the Second Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida;  
Which was read the first time.

On motion, the rule was waived by a two-thirds vote and the  
bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

By Mr. Hendricks:

## Senate bill No. 137:

To be entitled an act for the protection of property in this  
State;

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

By Mr. Dell:

## Senate bill No. 138:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Johns and Su-  
wannee Railroad Company;

Which was read the first time.

On motion, the rule was waived by a two-thirds vote, the  
bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Com-  
mittee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

## Senate bill No. 99:

To be entitled an act to make an appropriation for the arrest  
of fugitives from justice for the years 1883 and 1884, and for  
other purposes,

Was read a second time.

On motion, the bill was referred back to the Judiciary Com-  
mittee.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 29, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on the Judiciary to whom was re-  
ferred—

Senate bill No. 104, to be entitled an act to protect the grow-  
ing sponge in this State,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same and  
recommend that it pass.

They also herewith report back Senate bill No. 88; to be en-  
titled an act to fix the times of holding the Circuit Courts in  
the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, without recommendation,  
as the changes therein suggested concern the people of the  
Fifth Circuit alone, and your committee prefer that the matter