

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

be left entirely to the discretion of the Senate, without suggestion from this committee.

Very Respectfully S. R. MALLORY,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Senate bill No. 92:

To be entitled an act in relation to the public printing.

Mr. Pope offered the following amendment:

In line 1 of section 3, after the word "the," insert "first."

In same line and section, after the word "of," insert "April."

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment:

In section 2, line 1, strike out the word "General;"

Which was adopted.

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

Senate bill No. 91:

To be entitled an act to regulate the official printing and legal advertising in the several counties in this State,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Crill offered the following amendment:

Sec. 1. And such sealed proposal or proposals shall be accompanied by a bond in the sum of \$500, signed by two good and sufficient securities, for the faithful performance of said printing;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Pope offered the following amendment:

In line 2 of Sec. 1, strike out "or proposals," and insert in same line of same section, after the word "make," the word "a;"

Which was adopted.

Also the following:

In line 2 of Sec. 8, after the word "unable," insert "or unwilling;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Crill offered the following amendment:

At end of Sec. 3 insert: "Provided, That when the Boards of County Commissioners of any county have made any contract for the current year, prior to the passage of this act, for the printing of the proceedings of said Board, this act shall not annul said contract;"

Which was adopted.

Also the following:

In Sec. 10, line 2, strike out "fifty" and insert "twenty-five;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Duncan offered the following amendment to the amendment:

"And efficient circulation throughout the county;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Crill offered the following amendment:

Strike out Sec. 11;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment:

Insert at end of Sec. 7: "In which case it shall not be necessary for the Clerk, County Judge, or Sheriff to publish the same advertisement;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Pope offered the following amendment:

In Sec. 7, line 2, after the word "legal," insert "notice;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Sharpe offered the following amendment:

Insert at end of Sec. 3: "Provided, That, if from any cause no bid should appear to be the lowest bid, then the County Commissioners shall use their discretion, consulting always the best interest of the people of the County;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment:

After the the word "happening," in line 4, Section 8, insert "or as soon thereafter as possible;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Greeley offered the following amendment:

Amend Section 4, 4th line, by inserting ten in the blank;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Sharpe offered the following amendment:

Insert in 3d line, Section 2, after the words "1883," "or as soon thereafter as practicable;"

Which was adopted.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

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

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

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

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

Senate bill No. 94, entitled an act for the relief of W. F. Richards, Sheriff of Brevard county; also,

Senate bill No. 29, to be entitled an act to amend Section 51, sub-Chapter 4, Chapter 1637, act of August 6, 1868, Laws of Florida; also,

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 State lands, approved March 7th, 1879,

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

Very respectfully,
WM. BRYSON, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Greeley presented the following petition :

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

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, citizens and residents of the county of Bradford, 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 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.

A. T. HOLLEYMAN and others.

Signed by 27 names.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

By leave, Mr. Speer introduced the following bill :

Senate bill No. 139 :

To be entitled an act to regulate the retailing of liquors, wines or beers in the several precincts of this State by the Boards of County Commissioners;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Temperance, and 150 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Mallory moved that 50 copies be printed for the use of the Senate of the following resolution :

"That all bills asking for railway or canal charters and aid for the same, and also all other bills asking for grants of lands shall hereafter be presented in printed form."

Also,

Senate bill No. 140 :

To be entitled an act to regulate the fees of sheriffs in the State of Florida;

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

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Assembly bill No. 2 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Nick Howell, of Marion county,

Was read the second time.

On motion, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cone, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, Polhill, Pope, Proctor Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, 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 authorizing the Board of Education to compromise an settle with the counties indebted to the School and Seminary Fund,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, Polhill, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 104 :

To be entitled an act to protect growing sponge in this State,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Allen offered the following amendment :

It shall also be unlawful to gather sponge less than 4 inches in diameter;

Which was adopted.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Landrum was excused for to-day.

Senate bill No. 88 :

To be entitled an act to fix the times of holding the Circuit Court in the 5th Judicial Circuit of Florida,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate bill No. 77 :

To be entitled an act to regulate the conviction fees of the several State Attorneys,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Polhill, Pope, Roberts, Sheppard and Speer—19.

Nays—Messrs. Hatcher, Mountien, McClellan and Proctor—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 78:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Reuben S. Mitchell, of Marion county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, Pope, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 94:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Wm. F. Richards, Sheriff of Brevard county.

Mr. Sharpe moved to lay the bill on the table subject to the order of Mr. Sharpe;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 103:

To be entitled an act in relation to the adoption of children, Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, Pope, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

By leave, Mr. Greeley introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 141:

To be entitled an act to benefit justice;

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

Substitute for Senate bill No. 29:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 51, sub-chapter 4 of Chapter 1637, being an act approved August 6th, 1868, Laws of Florida,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, Pope, Proctor, Roberts and Sheppard—18.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Lesley, Speer and Swearingen—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

By leave, Mr. Pope introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 142:

To be entitled an act in relation to lands heretofore sold for taxes and purchased by the State;

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

Substitute for 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.

On motion, the bill was ordered to lay over until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 123:

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, Pope, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Mann, of the Committee on Judiciary, made the following minority report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 29, 1883.

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

SIR: A part of your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 108, to be entitled an act to prevent frauds upon travellers,

Respectfully beg leave to differ with the majority report made by said committee, as we regard the proposed bill favor-

able to unsuspecting travellers, who are so often imposed upon by the unscrupulous, and we therefore recommend that the said bill do pass. Very respectfully,

A. S. MANN,
GEO. W. ALLEN.

Which was read.

Senate bill No. 108:

To be entitled an act to prevent frauds upon travelers,
Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following message was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 29, 1883.

To the Senate and Assembly:

GENTLEMEN—In my annual message I alluded to the matter of invitations being received by our State to participate in exhibitions of our industries, to be held in other sections. An invitation has been most cordially extended to the State of Florida by the New England Manufacturers' and Mechanics' Institute to participate in their next Exposition of American Products, to be opened in Boston, September 5th of this year. A representative of this New England Institute is now here, and I would call the attention of the Legislature to the invitation, and suggest that the Legislature take some action in the premises. Very respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM, Governor.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Immigration.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 24, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have this day signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, the following acts which originated in the Senate, to-wit:

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; also,

An act to repeal Chapter 3143, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled an act to regulate the sale of certain agricultural products in this State, being Chapter 3014, of the Laws of Florida.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM, Governor.

Which was read.

By leave, Mr. Greeley introduced the following bill:
Senate bill No. 143:
To be entitled an act for the relief of George H. Mays;
Which was read first time and referred to the Committee on Claims.

By leave, Mr. Allen introduced the following bill:
Senate bill No. 144:
To be entitled an act relating to public records;
Which was read the first time and referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Crill, Chairman of Committee on Constitutional Amendments, made the following report:

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

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments beg leave to report that they have examined joint resolution in reference to a Constitutional Convention, and recommend that it do pass with the following amendments:

In line four strike out the word "and."
In line seven strike out the word "joint."

Also a concurrent resolution amending the Constitution, and recommend that it do pass.

Your committee have also examined joint resolution proposing the abrogation of Section seven, Article 14, Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to educational qualification for electors, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL, Chairman.

WM. H. SHARPE,

JOHN T. LESLEY,

J. C. GREELEY,

T. F. SWEARINGEN,

Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

The resolution was read the second time.
Joint resolution proposing the abrogation of Section 7, Article 14, Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to educational qualifications for electors,

Was read the second time and ordered to lie over.
Joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3, Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Florida,

Was read the second time and ordered to lie over.
Mr. Chandler offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate has adopted a resolution providing

for adjournment as soon as the necessary business is concluded; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all resolutions fixing the time for adjournment of the Senate *sine die* be referred to a special committee consisting of the members of the Judiciary and Finance Committees;

Which was read and ordered to lie over.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 29, 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 act originating in the Senate:

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.

Very respectfully,

H. H. DUNCAN,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Joint Resolutions in reference to a Constitutional Convention.

The amendments by the Committee were adopted, and the resolution as amended ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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TUESDAY, January 30, 1883.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

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

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

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The following joint resolution was introduced by Mr. Fortner:

Joint resolution to abrogate Sections 17 and 18 of Article IV. of the Constitution of the State of Florida;

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced

By Mr. Lesley:

Senate bill No. 146:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Edward A. Clark and Joseph Robers.

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

Also,

Senate bill No. 145:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Tampa Street Railway Company.

On motion, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, the bill read first time by its title and referred to Committee on Corporations.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 30, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 67, to be entitled an act for the relief of Anderson Taylor,

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

They also report that they have examined Senate bill No. 125, to be entitled an act to encourage the raising of sheep, and for other purposes; also,

Senate bill No. 140, to be entitled an act to regulate the fees of Sheriffs in the State of Florida,

And recommend that they do not pass.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY, Chairman.

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