

of the State be proceeded with with as little delay as possible.

The yeas and nays being called, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Cole, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Duncan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope and Swearingen—10.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cone, Fortner, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Mann, Mountien, Powers, Proctor, Roberts and Sharpe—13.

So the substitute was not adopted.

Mr. Speer was excused on account of sickness until Friday.

Mr. Hendricks withdrew his resolution.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate bill No. 156 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the speedy determination of certain issues of law in the several Circuit Courts of the State, being Chapter 3001, Laws of Florida, approved February 17th, 1877,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Duncan, Fortner, Hatcher, Hendricks, Lesley, Mountien, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Swearingen—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 10, 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. Harris, Blackwell and Hall a committee on part of the Assembly, to act with a similar committee on part of the Senate, to arrange the time of departure, and of returning, of the Legislature to the State Fair at Jacksonville.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read.

Mr. McKinne moved that the Chair appoint a committee of three to confer with the committee from the Assembly relative to the time of departure and return of the Senate and Assembly from Jacksonville ;

Which was agreed to.

Messrs. McKinne, Pope and Sharpe were appointed such committee.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate bill No. 160 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend the several acts now in force concerning divorces, approved February 14, 1835 ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Cole, Cottrell, Delano, Fortner, Hatcher, Hendricks, McKinne, Pope, Sheppard and Swearingen—12.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Duncan, Landrum, Lesley, Mountien, Powers and Roberts—7.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. McKinne, Chairman of the committee from the Senate, reported that they had conferred with a similar committee from the Assembly, and have agreed that the Legislature leave Tallahassee at 3:30 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, for Jacksonville, and that they return on Thursday night, and asked to be discharged.

On motion of Mr. Powers, the report of the committee was adopted and the committee were discharged.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate bill No. 178 :

To be entitled an act to authorize D. M. Blich to establish and operate a public ferry across the Withlacoochee river,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Delano, Duncan, Fortner, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Polhill, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard and Swearingen—18.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Pope and Sharpe—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Hatcher moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, 10 o'clock A. M. ;

Which was agreed to.

MONDAY, February 12th, 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, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Swearingen—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Fortner, the reading of the journal of Saturday, the 10th, was dispensed with.

Mr. Baker was excused on account of sickness.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Lesley:

Senate bill No. 208:

To be entitled an act to appropriate funds for the benefit of the blind, deaf and dumb mutes in this State;

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

By Mr. Pope:

Senate bill No. 209:

To be entitled an act to amend Chapter 3110, Laws of Florida, being an act to allow certain dealers in general merchandise to sell certain drugs and medicines without having to pay a special license tax therefor, approved March 11, 1879;

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

Also,

Senate bill No. 210:

To be entitled an act to amend section 4 of an act to amend an act concerning wills, letters testamentary and letters of administration, and the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, approved November 21, 1829;

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

Also,

Senate bill No. 211:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 3122, Laws of Florida, being an act to regulate proceedings before referees, and to enforce, modify or revise the same, approved March 11, 1879;

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

By Mr. Mountien:

Senate bill No. 212:

To be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3303, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to permanently locate the county site of Holmes county, and to prevent controversy thereon;

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

By Mr. Greeley:

Senate bill No. 213:

To be entitled an act authorizing incorporated cities and towns to establish and maintain a system of water-works;

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

Mr. McKinne moved that the action of the Senate by which the consideration of the majority and minority reports of the Railroad Committee on Senate bill No. 20, to be entitled an act to create a commission to provide for the regulation of freight and passenger tariffs on railroads and steamboats in this State, was set for Saturday next, be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Delano moved that the consideration of the bill be laid over until 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Swearingen was called to the chair.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 12, 1883.

Hon. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bill No. 60, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Ship Canal Company, to locate, construct, own and operate a ship canal and telegraph line across the peninsula of Florida, to connect the Atlantic ocean with the Gulf of Mexico,

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

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON,  
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Lesley called up—

Senate bill No. 60:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Ship Canal

Company, to locate, construct, own and operate a ship canal and telegraph line across the peninsula of Florida, to connect the Atlantic ocean with the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Pope moved that 150 copies of the bill, as amended, be printed for the use of the members of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

So ordered.

The President resumed the chair.

Mr. Pope called up—

Senate bill No. 142:

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

Mr. Sharpe moved that the bill be put back on its second reading for purposes of amendment.

Two-thirds not voting in favor of the motion, the motion was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Mallory, 150 copies of the bill were ordered printed.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No 120:

To be entitled an act to extend the limits of the city of Jacksonville and abolish conflicting municipal corporations.

The reconsideration of the action of the Senate in the adoption of Mr. Powers' amendment, and Mr. Lesley's amendment to Mr. Powers' amendment, which is as follows:

*Provided, however,* That the registered voters residing within the territory herein proposed to be annexed to the said city of Jacksonville shall have the right to determine by vote whether they shall be included within said city of Jacksonville or not; that is to say, the voters of the town of LaVilla shall decide by vote, which vote shall determine the question as to that town; the town of Fairfield shall decide by vote as to their town; the suburbs of East Jacksonville, Oakland, Springfield, Brooklyn and Riverside shall decide by vote respectively as to their districts, the place and manner of voting to be determined by the County Commissioners of Duval county, except as to the towns of LaVilla and Fairfield, and in said towns their respective Town Councils shall determine the time, place and manner, which time so designated for voting shall not be later than sixty days from the date of the approval of this act.

Mr. Lesley offered the following amendment to Mr. Powers' amendment:

Wherever the word "vote" appears, insert before said word vote "two-thirds."

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Powers moved the adoption of the amendment as amended.

Twelve minutes of two o'clock P. M., the Senate went into Executive Session.

Half-past two o'clock P. M., the doors of the Senate were opened.

On motion of Mr. Cottrell, the Senate adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

#### CONFIRMATION.

T. J. Branning, to be Assessor of Taxes for Clay 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, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard and Swearingen—24.

A quorum present.

The Senate resumed consideration of Mr. Powers' amendment, as amended, to Senate bill No. 120, to be entitled an act to extend the limits of the city of Jacksonville, and abolish conflicting municipal corporations.

Mr. Powers moved the adoption of the amendment as amended.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Fortner, Hankins, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, McKinne, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe and Swearingen—11.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Duncan, Greeley, Hatcher, Mallory, Mann, Pope, Proctor and Sheppard—14.

So the amendment as amended was not adopted.

Mr. McKinne moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Fortner, Hankins, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, McKinne, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe and Sheppard—11.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cole, Crill, Duncan, Greeley, Hatcher, Mallory, Mann, Pope, Proctor and Swearingen—13.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McKinne moved that the bill be recommitted.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Fortner, Hankins, Heudricks, Lesley, McKinne, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Swearingen—11.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cole, Crill, Duncan, Greeley, Hatcher, Mallory, Mann, Pope and Proctor—12.

So the motion to recommit was not agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading.

The President and Secretary signed the following bills:

An act for the relief of Jacksonville, and the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson, Duval and Leon; also,

Assembly joint resolution in relation to dredging in the harbor of Key West, Florida; also,

An act for the relief of Louis Hertzog; also,

An act to declare the Panasof kee outlet, commonly known as Panasof kee run, navigable; also,

An act for the adoption of two children by Raymon H. M. Starling and his wife Samantha Starling.

By leave, Mr. Mallory introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 214:

To be entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 2, of an act entitled an act to establish the office of Harbor Master for the port of Pensacola, Fla., approved December 8, 1866, and to amend an act entitled an act to amend Section 4, of an act entitled an act to establish the office of Harbor Master of the port of Pensacola, of December 8, 1866, approved February 26, 1879.

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

Also,

Senate bill No. 215:

To be entitled an act to dissolve municipal corporations under circumstances therein stated and to provide government for the same.

On motion of Mr. Mallory, the rule was waived and the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organizations.

On motion of Mr. McKinne, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

TUESDAY, February 13, 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, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Swearingen—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Mr. Baker was excused on account of sickness.

Messrs. Dell and McClellan were excused on account of sickness.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Roberts:

Senate bill No. 216:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act taxing telegraph lines operating in this State;

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

By Mr. Pope:

Senate bill No. 217:

To be entitled an act to authorize Robert S. Williams to establish the business of a pawnbroker;

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

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 13, 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. 101, to be entitled an act to provide for transferring the certificates of sale of certain lands sold for taxes to the Comptroller's office, and for the sale, redemption, cancellation and settlement of tax sale certificates,