

SATURDAY, February 17, 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, Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Swearingen—25.

A quorum present.  
Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS.

Mr. Polhill introduced the following joint resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Legislature adjourn sine die on Friday, the second of March, at 12 o'clock, noon;*

Which was read the first time.

On motion, the rule was waived by a two-thirds vote and the resolution was read the second time.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe and Sheppard—23.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bill was introduced:

By Mr. Sharpe:

Senate bill No. 225:

To be entitled an act for the appointment of a Chaplain for the State convicts and make an appropriation therefor;  
Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 17, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bill No. 223, to be entitled an act to provide for the speedy publication of the decisions of the Supreme Court of Florida; also,

Senate bill No. 197, to be entitled an act to amend Section 3 of an act to amend an act to provide for the incorporation of cities and towns and to establish a uniform system of municipal government in this State, approved February 4th, 1869, and the acts amendatory thereof, and to further provide for the organization and government of cities, approved March 4th, 1879,

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.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 197:

To be entitled an amend Section 3 of an act to amend an act to provide for the incorporation of cities and towns, and to establish a uniform system of municipal government in this State, approved February 4th, 1869, and the act amendatory thereof, and to further provide for the organization and government of cities, approved March 4th, 1879,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 223:

To be entitled an act to provide for the speedy publication of the decisions of the Supreme Court of Florida,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The Committee on City and County Organizations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 17, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organizations, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 215, to be entitled an act to dissolve municipal corporations under circumstances therein stated and to provide government for the same,

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

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,  
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

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

By leave, Mr. Mallory introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 226:

To be entitled an act to further provide for the government of cities and towns;

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

By leave, Mr. Landrum introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 227:

To be entitled an act to authorize the School Board of Public Instruction of each and every county to lay off the same into convenient sub-school districts, and for other purposes;

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

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

The Committee on Militia made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 17, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bill No. 71,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and return it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

J. B. DELL,  
Chairman Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Senate bill No. 71:

To be entitled an act to encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer State troops.

Mr. Greeley moved to have 150 copies of the bill printed;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dell moved to indefinitely postpone the bill;

Which was agreed to.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 17, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 200, to be entitled an act to limit the number of pilots for bar of Pensacola; also,

Senate bill No. 201, to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3160, Laws of Florida, being an act to amend an act entitled an act to prevent excessive rates of pilotage, approved February 14th, 1874, approved March 7th, 1879, and to repeal Chapter 2019, Laws of Florida, approved February 14th, 1874, entitled an act to prevent excessive rates of pilotage,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and recommend that they do pass. Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,  
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Senate bill No. 201:

To be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3160, Laws of Florida, being an act to amend an act entitled an act to prevent excessive rates of pilotage, approved February 14, 1874, approved March 7, 1879, and to repeal Chapter 2019, Laws of Florida, approved March 14, 1874, entitled an act to prevent excessive rates of pilotage,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 200:

To be entitled an act to limit the number of pilots for bar of Pensacola,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Mallory, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 17, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 87, to be entitled an act granting the right of way and other privileges for a Steamboat and Barge Canal through the State of Florida to the Atlantic and Mexican Gulf Canal Company,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and return it to the Senate herewith without recommendation.

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

Which was read and adopted.

The bill was read the second time.

Mr. Mallory moved that the consideration of this bill be postponed until Thursday, at 11 o'clock.

So ordered.

By leave, Mr. Greeley introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 228:

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

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

Mr. Mallory, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 17, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Assembly bill No. 69, to be entitled an act in relation to the assessment, levy and collection of taxes by municipal corporations,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that it pass, with the amendments herewith submitted.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY, Chairman.

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

The Committee offered the following amendment:

After word "corporation" in line 7, Section 1, insert the following: "Which municipal corporations under the Laws of Florida, are authorized to license;"

Which was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was read the second time and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Mallory, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 17, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 204, to be entitled an act to authorize Dario and Rinaldo Piaggio and such other persons as may become associated with them to construct, stretch and keep booms

across the mouths of Yellow river, in Santa Rosa county, in the State of Florida,

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

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,  
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation offered the following amendments:

In line 3, Section 1, after word "associated," insert "with them were;"

Strike out the word "exclusive" in line 3, of Section 2.

Which were adopted.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 17, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate bill No. 78, to be entitled an act for the relief of Reuben S. Mitchell, of Marion county; also,

Senate bill No. 136, to be entitled an act to change the terms the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida; also,

Senate bill No. 105, to be entitled an act to protect the food fishes of Florida; also,

Senate bill No. 167, to be entitled an act to legalize and give full force and effect to the appointment of Nicholas Comforter and Jas. R. Pickett, Jr., as half-branch Pilots of Apalachicola, and to allow their promotion; also,

Joint resolution H., Joint resolution in reference to a Constitutional Convention,

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

Very respectfully,

H. H. DUNCAN,  
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

The President and Secretary signed the following bills:

Senate bill No. 78, to be entitled an act for the relief of Reuben S. Mitchell, of Marion county; also,

Senate bill No. 136, to be entitled an act to change the terms of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida; also,

Senate bill No. 105, to be entitled an act to protect the food fishes of Florida; also,

Senate bill No. 167, to be entitled an act to legalize and give full force and effect to the appointment of Nicholas Comforter and James R. Pickett as half-branch pilots of Apalachicola, and to allow their promotion; also,

Joint resolution H. in reference to a Constitutional Convention.

Mr. Crill called up

Senate bill No. 218:

To be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

On motion, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole on the bill, and resumed the consideration of the same.

The President resumed the chair.

After consideration of the bill the Committee of the Whole, through its chairman, Mr. Swearingen, reported back the bill to the Senate with progress thereon.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

#### CONFIRMATION.

Thomas F. King, to be Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit.  
Geo. C. Wilson, to be Commissioner of Pilotage for Duval county.

#### THREE 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:

Yea—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Cottrell, Dell, Duncan, Greeley, Hankins, Hendricks, Landrum, Mallory, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe and Sheppard—18.

A quorum present.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hankins, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 17, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 140.

Beg leave to report favorably, with the amendments as follows:

After the word "State," in 3d line, Section 1, insert "containing less than ten thousand inhabitants."

In 4th line, Section 1, strike out "twenty-five" and insert "fifty."

Very respectfully,

W. D. HANKINS,

Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Hankins, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 13, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 212,

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

Very respectfully,

W. D. HANKINS,

Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

Which was read and adopted.

The Committee offered the following amendment:

After the word "State" in third line, Section 1, insert "containing less than ten thousand inhabitants;" in fourth line, Section 1. strike out "twenty-five" and insert "fifty;"

Ordered to lie over until Monday.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 212:

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

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

By leave, Mr. Mallory introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 229:

To be entitled an act to authorize Asa T. Fillengin, of Escambia county, in this State, to establish and maintain a ferry across the Perdido river;

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

On motion, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole, and resumed the consideration of—  
Senate bill No. 218 :

To be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue,

Mr. Lesley in the chair.

The President resumed the chair.

After consideration of the bill, the Committee of the Whole, through its Chairman, Mr. Lesley, reported the bill back to the Senate with progress thereon.

On motion to adopt Sub-section 3, of Section 11, as amended, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Greeley, Hatcher, Mountien, McClellan and Pope—10.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Cottrell, Crill, Fortner, Hankins, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe and Sheppard—16.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. McKinne offered the following amendment :

In paragraph 3, strike out \$300 and insert \$150, which will make it read "dealers in spirituous, vinous or malt liquors shall pay a license tax of one hundred and fifty dollars in each county, for each place of business."

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Dell, Fortner, Hendricks, Lesley, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor and Sheppard—13.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Landrum, Mallory, Roberts and Sharpe—14.

The vote was a tie.

The President voted no, so the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment :

After the word "business" in third line, third paragraph, insert the following, viz. : "And dealers paying the same and receiving a license therefor, shall be authorized to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors, or any of such liquors, but neither spirituous, vinous nor malt liquors shall be permitted to be sold unless said license tax is first paid and a license therefor first taken out ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. McKinne offered the following amendment :

Strike out "\$300," and insert "\$200 ;"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Fortner, Hendricks, Landrum, Les-

ley, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor and Sheppard—13.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Mallory, Roberts and Sharpe—14.

The vote being a tie, the President voted no.

So the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Mallory raised the point of order that the Senate had not resolved to take up the bill by sections or paragraphs ;

Which was sustained.

The President ruled that the amendments were out of order.

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

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cottrell, Delano, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, McClellan, McKinne, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe and Sheppard—13.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, Polhill, Pope and Powers—12.

Which was agreed to.

So the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Monday.

MONDAY, February 19, 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, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe and Speer—27.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Mr. Pope was excused for to-day on account of sickness.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The following message was received from the Assembly :