

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Cottrell, Fortner, Hankins, Lesley, Mountien, McKinne, Pope, Roberts and Swearingen—10.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Delano, Duncan, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Mallory, McClellan, Powers, Sharpe, Sheppard and Speer—13.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Duncan moved to make the bill the special order for 4 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

Mr. Bryson moved as an amendment the further consideration of the bill be postponed until 11 o'clock A. M. Monday.

Mr. Chandler moved to lay the bill on the table subject to call;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 118:

To be entitled an act to change the name of the Arlington and Atlantic Railroad Company,

Was read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 128:

To be entitled an act to amend Sections 3 and 6, of Chapter 3336, Laws of Florida, approved March 8, 1881, an act to incorporate the Tropical Peninsular Railroad Company.

Mr. Bryson offered the following amendment:

Provided, Nothing herein shall be so construed as in any manner interfering with the rights, grants or privileges of any other company or corporation;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Crill was called to the chair.

Mr. Delano moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Mr. McKinne moved for a call of the Senate.

The Secretary called the roll.

A quorum not answering, Mr. McKinne moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

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THURSDAY, February 22, 1883.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Pow-

ers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Mr. Allen was excused for a few days.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bill was introduced:

By Mr. Bryson:

Senate bill No. 238:

To be entitled an act to authorize the payment to parties purchasing lands at erroneous tax-sale, the money paid therefor;

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 21, 1883.

Hon. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 229, to be entitled an act to authorize Asa T. Fillingin, of Escambia county, in this State, to establish and maintain a ferry across the Perdido river; also,

Senate bill No. 236, to be entitled an act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 1893, laws of Florida, approved February 27th, 1872, entitled an act to alter and amend Section nine (9) of an act entitled an act for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and also to alter and amend Section 10 of a bill to amend an act entitled an act for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, approved February 19th, A. D. 1870; also,

Assembly bill No. 132, to be entitled an act to declare Sandy Creek navigable, and to repeal Chapter 3397, Laws of Florida, approved February 16, 1881,

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

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Senate bill No. 236:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 1893, Laws of Florida, approved February 27, 1872, entitled an act to alter and amend Section 9 of an act entitled an act for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and also to alter and amend Section 10 of a bill to amend an act entitled an act for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, approved February 19, 1870, Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 229 was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Assembly bill No. 132 was read the second time and placed among the orders of the day.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 22, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

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

Senate bill No. 93, to be entitled an act to grant certain lands to the Green Cove Spring and Melrose Railroad Company,

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

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Speer, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 22, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 162, to be entitled an act for the relief of John L. Inglis; also,

Senate bill No. 106, to be entitled act for the relief of A. D. McDonald,

Have examined the same and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. G. SPEER,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Senate bill No. 162 was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 106 was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 21, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 199, to be entitled an act for the compensation of Collectors of Revenue for extra services rendered in years 1877 and 1878; also,

Senate bill No. 221, to be entitled an act for the protection of widows and minors; also,

Assembly bill No. 191, to be entitled an act to amend Section 23, of an act approved February 4th, 1869, entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of cities and towns and to establish a uniform system of municipal government in this State,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and recommend that they do pass, with the enclosed amendment to Senate bill No. 179:

In Section 2, line two, strike out the word "three" and insert "two."

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Senate bill No. 179.

The Committee offered the following amendment:

In Section 2, line two, strike out the word "three" and insert "two;"

Which was adopted.

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

Senate bill No. 221 was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Assembly bill No. 191 was read the second time and placed among the orders of the day.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 22, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly bill No. 210, to be entitled an act requiring uniformity of text books in the public schools of this State; also,

Assembly bill No. 208, to be entitled an act to incorporate an institute of learning at Starke, Bradford county, Florida, known as Starke Institute; also,

Assembly bill No. 207, to be entitled an act to incorporate an institute of learning at Starke, Bradford county, Florida, known as Orange College;

And recommend that they do pass.

Also,

Senate bill No. 168, to be entitled an act to provide for an asylum for the blind and deaf and dumb in this State,

And recommend that it do pass with the following amendment:

In line two strike out "fifteen" and insert "ten."

Also,

Senate bills Nos. 208 and 51,

And recommend that they do not pass, as they relate to the same subject as Senate bill No. 168.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

The amendments offered by the committee to Senate bill No. 168, were read and adopted, and bill as amended was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bills No. 208 and 51, were laid on the table.

Mr. Sharpe called up

Senate bill No. 94:

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

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bryson, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Duncan, Hankins, Mallory, Mann, McClellan, McKinne, Sharpe and Sheppard—13.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Cottrell, Dell, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Lesley, Mountien, Pope, Roberts, Spear and Swearingen—13.

The vote was a tie.

The President voted aye.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. McKinne was called to the Chair.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 22, 1883.

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

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

Senate bill No. 163, to be entitled an act to limit or restrain the sale of intoxicating liquors, wine and beer in this State, Beg leave to report that we have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Public Printing, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Feb. 22, 1883.

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

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

Assembly bill No. 258, to be entitled an act to prescribe the manner in which lands assessed prior to January 1, 1883, shall be advertised for sale for uncollected taxes,

Hereby report that, on examination of Senate journals, we find that this bill passed the Senate under suspension of the rules on the 19th, and notice was given by the Senator from the 26th to move, on the next day, the 20th, for a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was passed, which motion was not made.

Very respectfully,

GEO. C. POWERS,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 22, 1883.

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

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

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,

Have examined the same and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendment:

At the end of line 12, after the word "counties," insert "in proportion to the number of children in said counties."

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read.

The bill was read and ordered to lie on the table subject to call of committee.

Mr. McKinne moved to reconsider the vote taken on the bill for the relief of Wm. F. Richards, Sheriff of Brevard county, to be taken up to-morrow.

Mr. Bryson withdrew his motion to reconsider the vote on Assembly bill No. 258.

Mr. McKinne, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 22, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations to whom was referred—

Assembly bill No. 194, to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Marianna, in the county of Jackson, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Marianna valid and of full force and effect,

Senate bill No. 230, to be entitled an act to change the name of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast and Okeechobee Land Company to the Okeechobee Land Company, and for other purposes,

Respectfully report that they have considered the same, and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Senate bill No. 230 was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Assembly bill No. 194 was read the second time and placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill No. 210:

To be entitled an act requiring a uniformity of text books in the public schools of this State,

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

Mr. Mountien called up—

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;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill Proctor, Roberts, 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. 207:

To be entitled an act to incorporate an institute of learning at Starke, Bradford county, Fla., and known as Orange College,

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

Assembly bill No. 208:

To be entitled an act to incorporate an institute of learning at Starke, Bradford county, Fla., known as Starke Institute.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 22, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 220, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to grant certain lands to the East Florida Railroad Company, approved March 4, 1881,

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered said bill, and recommend that the same do pass as amended.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

The Committee offered the following amendments:

In line 24, Section 2, after the word "elsewhere," insert "nearest said line of said railroad."

In line 28, Section 2, strike out the word "exclusively."

Strike out all of Section 3;

Which were adopted.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 22, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 219, to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the Live Oak and Rowland's Bluff Railroad Company, approved February 25th, 1881,

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered this bill, and recommend that the same do pass as amended.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

The committee offered the following amendments:

In Section 1, line 35, after the word "act" insert "to which this is an amendment." In line 45, same Section, after the word "elsewhere," insert "nearest the line of said railroad." Strike out all of Section 2;

Which were adopted.

Mr. Powers offered the following amendment:

Provided, That said lands shall be subject to entry at State prices to the amount of one hundred and sixty acres, by any persons who now reside 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 it when the railroad is completed;

Which was read and adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

By leave, Mr. Powers introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 239:

To be entitled an act to grant certain lands to the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax Railway Company;
Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

By leave, Mr. Lesley introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 240:

To be entitled an act to secure to the several counties of this State the exterior lines of the original field notes of townships;

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

The President resumed the chair.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Education made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 22, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 159, to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 1487, of the Laws of Florida, approved January 16, 1866, and to carry out the provisions of the acts approved January 6, 1853, and January 24, 1857, and for other purposes,

Have had the same under consideration, and report the same back without recommendation, and would respectfully call the attention of the Senate to the printed brief placed on their desks this morning.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,

Chairman Committee on Education.

J. M. LANDRUM,

H. H. DUNCAN,

FRANK W. POPE,

Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

The bill was read the second time.

Mr. Dell moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Mr. Chandler moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until 7:30 o'clock Monday.

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

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Bryson, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Dell, Greeley, Hatcher, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—20.

A quorum present.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 164 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the South Florida Railroad Company.

The committee offered amendments ;

Which were adopted.

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

Senate bill No. 158 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Tavares, Orlando and Atlantic Railroad Company.

The amendments of the committee were adopted.

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

Senate bill No 180 :

To be entitled an act in relation to County Boards of Public Instruction,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Landrum called up—

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.

Mr. Duncan offered the following amendment :

Section 2, line 4, strike out " five " and insert " four, " same line insert after the word " mutes " the words " or blind ; "

Which was adopted.

Also the following :

Strike out sections 4 and 5 ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Chandler moved to strike out " 25 " and insert " 50 ; "

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Swearingen offered the following :

In section 1 strike out " first Tuesday in April " and insert " first Monday in May ; "

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chandler moved to strike out section 3 ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Duncan offered the following amendment :

Nothing in Sections 4 and 5 of this act shall prevent the School Board from establishing schools in thinly populated districts ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment :

In line 5, Section 1, strike out the word " establish " and insert " build " in lieu thereof ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chandler offered the following amendment :

Strike out Section 6 ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Swearingen offered the following amendment :

In Section 2, line 5, strike out " first of June " and insert " first Monday in June ; "

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mallory moved to strike out " prorotated " and insert " prorated ; "

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mallory moved to reconsider the action of the Senate in striking out the word " establish " and inserting " build " in lieu thereof ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hatcher moved that the bill be recommitted ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Mallory moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Duncan, Mallory, Mountien and Speer—5.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Fortner, Hankins, Hatcher, Landrum, Lesley, Mann, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe and Swearingen—18.

Which was not agreed to.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 22, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate.

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred the following bills originating in the Senate, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and found them correctly enrolled :

An act for the relief of Dr. H. L. R. Roberts and Dr. E. A. Todd ; also,

An act to incorporate the Artesian Well Company of Florida; also,

An act for the relief of Primus Daiz and Samuel Small, of Monroe county, Florida; also,

An act to incorporate the Suwannee Real Estate Agency.

Also the following memorials:

Memorial relating to appropriation by Congress for improving the Caloosahatchie river; also,

Memorial relating to improving navigation about St. Martin's reef; also,

Memorial relating to mail route; also,

Memorial relating to the erection of a lighthouse at North Anclote Key; also,

Memorial relating to the establishment of a mail route.

Very respectfully,

H. H. DUNCAN, Chairman.

Which was read, and the President and Secretary signed the bills and memorials.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 22, 1883.

Hon. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate bill No. 218, to be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue,

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

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Twenty minutes after 5 o'clock the Senate went into Executive Session

Twenty-eight minutes after 5 o'clock the doors of the Senate were opened.

By leave, Mr. Greeley introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 241:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Palatka and St. Augustine Railway.

On motion, 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 Railroads.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until half-past seven P. M.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Charles F. Marks, to be Commissioner of Pilotage for Franklin county.

Thomas J. Shine, to be Clerk Circuit Court for Orange county.

James M. Owens, to be Assessor of Taxes for Orange county.

J. H. Tucker, to be Collector of Revenue for Jefferson county.

HALF-PAST SEVEN 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. Bryson, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Landrum, Lesley, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—18.

A quorum present.

Mr. McKinne offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The end of the session is rapidly approaching, and the necessity for dispatch in the transaction of important business before this body; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all speeches shall be limited to five minutes; Which was adopted.

Mr. Bryson offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Committee heretofore appointed by this Senate to investigate the land grants, &c., to the various railroads in this State, have not sufficient time to fully investigate all the questions necessarily involved in the matters pertaining to the resolutions appointing same before the termination of the present session of the Legislature; therefore, be it

Resolved, That said Committee do and they are hereby instructed to complete their investigations at as early a day as possible, and make their report to the next session of this body.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Dell and McKinne—3.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Cone, Crill, Delano, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Landrum, Lesley, Mountien, McClellan, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe and Swearingen—16.

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Bryson moved that the Committee be discharged;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee were discharged.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 12 :

To be entitled an act declaring who shall compose the Board of Public Instruction in each county in this State.

Ordered to lie over.

Senate bill No. 185 :

To be entitled an act in relation to the one mill State tax, Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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,

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

Assembly bill No. 137 :

To be entitled an act for the payment of physicians in investigation of indigent lunatics and insane persons.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment :

Strike out "and" and insert "with," before the word "ten" in the last section ;

Which was adopted.

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

Assembly joint resolution relative to national aid to education,

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

Senate bill No. 228 :

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

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Assembly bill No. 211 :

To be entitled an act to prohibit school officers from dealing in school text books,
Was read the second time and placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill No. 220 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Dundee and Florida Jute Company,

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

By leave, Mr. McKinne introduced

Senate bill No. 242 :

To be entitled an act to authorize the joining of counts in indictments ;

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

Senate bill No. 12 :

To be entitled an act declaring who shall compose the Board of Public Instruction in each county in this State,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 224 :

To be entitled an act to secure railroad facilities for the whole State of Florida,

Was read.

Mr. McKinne moved to recommit the bill ;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 128 :

To be entitled an act to amend Sections 3 and 6 of Chapter 3336, Laws of Florida, approved March 8th, 1881, an act to incorporate the Tropical Peninsula Railroad Company.

Mr. Bryson offered the following amendment :

Strike out in Section 2 the words "and also the lands granted in section five ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Crill moved to adopt the following as a section to the bill :

Strike out all of Section 5 and substitute as follows :

"SECTION 5. That the State of Florida shall not be in any way liable to make up to said Company any deficiency in the acreage hereby conditionally granted, or to cure any defects in the titles of the lands it now holds within the limits specified, and that the said land grant is made also expressly subject to the full satisfaction of all land grants previously made to other corporations and not forfeited; and provided further, That actual settlers may purchase any of said lands granted by this act, not to exceed 160 acres to each settler at State prices ; and the money paid for said lands shall inure to

the said Railroad Company when that portion of their line shall be completed, which would otherwise vest said lands in said Railroad Company;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Delano moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed ;
Which was not agreed to.

The bill as amended was then ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Pope moved that the bill as amended be printed ;
Upon which the yeas and nays were called.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Delano, Hankins, McKinne, Pope, Powers and Proctor—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Fortner, Hatcher, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, Roberts, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—11.

The vote was a tie.

The President voted no.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Pope raised a point of order that the President could not cast a vote unless all the members of the Senate present were voting and there was a tie.

The President overruled the point of order.

Mr. Delano appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The decision of the Chair was sustained by the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 22, 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—

Senate bill No. 133, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to confirm the organization of the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax River Railway Company, and to grant certain ferry privileges and lands to said Company, approved February 28, 1881.

Very respectfully, WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 22, 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. 237, to be entitled an act to provide for normal instruction ; also,

Assembly bill No. 281, to be entitled an act directing the Adjutant-General to procure a pair of United States flags to be placed around the portrait of General Washington in the Assembly Hall,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

The bills were read the first time and referred.

Mr. Swearingen was called to the chair.

Senate bill No. 150 :

To be entitled an act to require Tax Collectors to reside or keep a deputy at the county site of the several counties in this State,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Cottrell, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Lesley, Mann and Roberts—9.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Hankins, Hatcher, Landrum, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—14.

So the bill did not pass.

Mr. Bryson moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Hatcher, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, Pope and Proctor—9.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Dell, Fortner, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, McKinne, Powers, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—11.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McKinne called up—

Senate bill No. 120 :

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

And moved that the consideration of the same be set for Tuesday.

Mr. Chandler moved for a roll call of the Senate.

A quorum not answering, Mr. Chandler moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be ordered to bring in the members ;

Which was agreed to.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was so ordered.

Mr. McKinne withdrew his motion on Senate bill No. 120,

and gave notice that he would call up the bill to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. Mountien moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Hankins, Hatcher, Mann, Mountien, Pope, Powers and Proctor—11.

Nays—Messrs. Dell, Fortner, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, McClellan, McKinne, Roberts, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—11.

The vote was a tie, and the motion was not agreed to.

Substitute for Senate bill No. 99

To be entitled an act to make an appropriation to cover rewards offered by the Governor for the arrest of fugitives from justice for the years 1883 and 1884,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Dell, Fortner, Hankins, Hatcher, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, McClellan, McKinne, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Mountien and Pope—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 191:

To be entitled an act to prescribe the duties of the Treasurer of this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Dell, Fortner, Hankins, Hatcher, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Powers, Proctor, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—18.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

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

Which was agreed to.

FRIDAY, February 23, 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. Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—24.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

The following bill was introduced:

By Mr. Lesley:

Senate bill No. 243:

To be entitled an act making appropriation for the repairs of a wood-house in the Capitol grounds; and the erection of a wood-house in the Capitol grounds;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Pope was called to the chair.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 218:

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

Mr. Crill moved that the Secretary be instructed to insert the following words, which had by mistake been omitted in engrossing the bill, viz.: "shall be engaged in or managed within such county, city or town, but they shall not impose any such tax on any business profession or occupation;"

Which was agreed to by unanimous consent of the Senate, and the Secretary made the correction.

Also, the word "usually," after the words "commercial agents" in Section 5, was inserted; also the words "of Revenue," after the word "Collector" in Section 6, were inserted by unanimous consent of the Senate.

The President resumed the chair.

Also, that "fifty-five" be substituted for "forty-five," in Section 16, being a mistake in engrossing;

Which was agreed to by unanimous consent of the Senate. Also, the word "than," before "three years," in Section 26.