

JOURNAL

Of the Senate of the State of Florida, at the Thirteenth Session of the Legislature, begun and held at the Capitol, in the city of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, on Tuesday, the sixth day of January, A. D. 1885, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for the meeting of the Legislature.

TUESDAY, January 6, 1885.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was called to order by President Speer.

Prayer by Dr. A. C. McCants.

The roll being called by W. H. Babcock, former Secretary, the following Senators answered to their names:

From the Sixteenth District—H. C. Baker.

From the Thirty-second District—J. L. F. Cottrell.

From the Twelfth District—W. D. Hankins.

From the Twenty-eighth District—S. M. Hendricks.

From the Second District—J. M. Landrum.

From the Thirtieth District—J. T. Lesley.

From the Fourth District—M. Mountien.

From the Fourteenth District—H. L. R. Roberts.

From the Sixth District—I. N. Shepard.

From the Twentieth District—J. G. Speer.

The Secretary then presented the following certificate of John L. Crawford, Secretary of State, under the Great Seal of the State:

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,)
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 6, 1885. }

HON. MILTON H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

I, John L. Crawford, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that the following is a correct list of the members elect of the Senate of the State of Florida.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, the day and year above written.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD
Secretary of State.

From the First District—S. R. Mallory.
From the Third District—John H. McKinne.
From the Fifth District—W. T. Orman.
From the Seventh District—W. H. Neel.
From the Ninth District—J. D. Cole.
From the Tenth District—J. N. Stripling—Elected to fill a vacancy.

From the Eleventh District—James Burnam.
From the Thirteenth District—D. C. Martin.
From the Fifteenth District—J. L. Gaskins.
From the Seventeenth District—E. S. Crill.
From the Eighteenth District—E. C. Sammis—Elected to fill a vacancy.

From the Nineteenth District—H. W. Chandler.
From the Twenty-first District—H. S. Williams.
From the Twenty-third District—George M. Lee.
From the Twenty-fourth District—George B. Phillips—Elected to fill a vacancy.

From the Twenty-fifth District—A. R. Jones.
From the Twenty-seventh District—John W. Whidden.
From the Twenty-ninth District—Charles Delano.
From the Thirty-first District—C. M. Cooper.

Lieutenant-Governor Mabry then came forward and was sworn into office by Chief-Justice Randall, after which he addressed the Senate as follows:

Gentlemen of the Senate:

It is made my duty, by virtue of the office to which the people of the State of Florida have elevated me, to preside over the deliberations of your body. In discharging this duty, it is my earnest desire that there shall exist between us a spirit of amity and co-operation. This, I feel, will not only add to the amenities of the session, but will be conducive of a speedy and harmonious performance of the duties devolving upon all of us. The rules which shall govern your body, and which it will be my duty to have enforced, will in a great measure be self-imposed, for you have the right, within the limits of the Constitution, to prescribe such as you desire. A willingness, therefore, on your part, to cheerfully conform to these rules when made is expected. Upon the important duty of presiding over your meetings, I enter with many misgivings of my ability to come up to the full measure of responsibility,

and I fear that on many occasions I will need the aid of your council, guidance and forbearance. It may be that on some occasions in the construction and application of the rules by which you are to be governed, I will come in conflict with some and possibly the most of your members, but on all occasions, I assure you it is my purpose to the extent of my ability to make impartial rulings. I desire, however, to impress upon your minds that whatever may be the rulings of the Chair, however faithfully and impartially the Chair may strive to enforce the rules which you may prescribe, yet without the support and co-operation of your body it will be impossible for order to be preserved and the business of the Senate dispatched in a proper manner. I doubt not that you fully appreciate the importance of having order and decorum in your body, and that you will aid me in my efforts to accomplish this result. It is no part of duty to influence your actions save in the contingency of a tie vote. Hence I will not undertake to call your attention to the matters of legislation which should come before you. That prerogative belongs to the Chief Executive of the State. I desire, however, on this occasion to express to you, and through you to the people whom you represent, my feelings of gratitude for the confidence placed in me in promoting me to the high trust which I this day publicly accept. Trusting that your session will be pleasant and agreeable and will result in good to the State, I proceed, without further delay, to perform the duty before me.

The following newly elected Senators then came forward and took the oath of office, which was administered by Judge David S. Walker, of the 2d Judicial Circuit of Florida:

Eleventh District—J. Burnam.
Ninth District—J. D. Cole.
Thirty-first District—C. M. Cooper.
Seventeenth District—E. S. Crill.
Twenty-ninth District—C. Delano.
Fifteenth District—J. L. Gaskins.
Twenty-fifth District—A. R. Jones.
Twenty-third District—G. M. Lee.
First District—S. R. Mallory.
Third District—J. H. McKinne.
Seventh District—W. H. Neel.
Fifth District—W. T. Orman.
Twenty-fourth District—G. B. Phillips.
Tenth District—J. N. Stripling.
Twenty-Seventh District—J. W. Whidden.
Twenty-first District—H. S. Williams.

The following new Senators having made their appearance were sworn into office by Notary Public L. Harrison :

19th District—H. W. Chandler.

13th District—D. C. Martin.

18th District—E. C. Sammis.

On motion of Mr. McKinne, the following committee was appointed to notify the Assembly that the Senate was organized :

Messrs. McKinne, Mallory and Baker.

The committee returned after a short absence and reported that the Assembly was not in session.

Mr. Baker moved that the Rules of the last Session be adopted for the present.

Mr. McKinne moved that the Senate adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow, and that the Senate attend the inauguration ceremonies in a body ;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, January 7, 1885.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names ;

Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mann, Mountien, McKinne, Neel, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Strippling and Whidden—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by Senator Lee.

The Journal was read, corrected, and approved.

Senator Burnam came forward and was sworn in by Mr. Harrison, a Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Mr. Crill moved that the Senate now proceed to the election of officers ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill put in nomination for Secretary of Senate Wm. MacWilliams.

The roll was called with the following result :

For MacWilliams—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks,

Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Neel, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Strippling, Williams and Whidden—27.

Blank—Mr. Chandler—1.

For Babcock—Mr. Proctor—1.

Mr. MacWilliams having received a majority of the votes was declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Crill nominated Mr. W. I. Vason for Assistant Secretary.

The roll was called with the following result :

For Vason—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Neel, Orman, Proctor, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Strippling, Whidden and Williams—28.

Mr. Vason having received a majority of the votes, was declared by the President duly elected.

Mr. Crill nominated for Enrolling Clerk W. N. Conoley, with the following result :

For Conoley—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Neel, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Strippling, Whidden and Williams—28.

For McGinness—Mr. Proctor—1.

Mr. Conoley having received a majority of the votes, was declared by the President duly elected.

Mr. Crill nominated Mr. T. D. West for Engrossing Clerk.

The roll was called with the following result :

For West—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Neel, Orman, Proctor, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Strippling, Whidden and Williams—30.

Mr. West having received a majority of the votes cast was declared by the President duly elected.

Mr. Crill then nominated John G. Ward for Recording Clerk.

The roll was called with the following result :

For Ward—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McKinne, Neel, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Strippling, Whidden and Williams—27.

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