

Which was read by its title and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Also,
Senate Bill No. 12:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act approved February 3d, 1874, Chapter 1986, Laws of Florida;

Which was read by its title and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Also,
Senate Bill No. 13:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the taking of the census of the State of Florida for the year 1885;

Which was read by its title and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Also,
Senate bill No. 14:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate costs matters in cases before Justices of the Peace in certain cases;

Which was read by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Upon motion, the Governor's Message was taken up.

Mr. Stripling moved to suspend the reading of the Message, and that 500 copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Landrum moved to insert 1,000 copies.

Mr. Stripling withdrew the motion.

The Secretary then proceeded with the reading of the message.

Mr. Mann introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 15:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for calling a Convention of the people of Florida;

Which was ordered to lay upon the table to await the appointment of a special committee on this subject.

Mr. Landrum moved that 1,000 copies of Governor Bloxham's message be printed;

Which was agreed to.

The President announced the following committee:

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

Mr. Mann, Chairman; Messrs. Lesley, Mallory, Bryson and Chandler.

The Senate went into executive session.

The door of the Senate being opened,

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

FRIDAY, January 9, 1885.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

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

Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Neel, Orman, Roberts, Sheppard, Spear, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—27.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Mr. Mallory offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following shall hereafter be a rule of the Senate, viz.: Every bill on its first reading shall be read by its title only, unless the reading of the whole bill be called for by a Senator.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. McKinne:

Senate Bill No. 16:

To be entitled an act to require Justices of the Peace to give bond;

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

Also,

Senate Bill No. 17:

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

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

Also,

Senate bill No. 18:

To be entitled an act to amend Chapter 1986 of the Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 8 of an act entitled an act to provide for the punishment of crime and proceedings in criminal cases, approved February 3, 1874;

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

Also,

Senate bill No. 19:

To be entitled an act relating to the location of the principal office of railroad companies in this State;

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

Also,

Senate bill No. 20:

To be entitled an act to amend Sections 2 and 3 of sub-Chapter 4 of Chapter 1637 of the Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to provide for the punishment of crime and proceedings in criminal cases;

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

Also,

Senate Bill No. 21:

To be entitled an act to allow parties to testify in divorce cases;

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

Also,

Senate Bill No. 22:

To be entitled an act in relation to the adoption of children;

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

By Mr. Stripling:

Senate Bill No. 23:

To be entitled an act to provide for a proper exhibit of the resources and products of the State of Florida at the World's Fair at New Orleans;

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

By Mr. Landrum:

Senate Bill No. 24:

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.

By Mr. Speer:

Senate Bill No. 25:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Midland Railroad Company;

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

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

That Rule 20 be amended by adding a Committee on Rules, of which the President shall be Chairman.

Mr. McKinne in the Chair.

Mr. Martin offered the following amendment:

To confer with a similar committee from the Assembly.

Mr. Stripling moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Burnam, Cooper, Cottrell, Crill, Delano Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Lee, Lesley, McKinne, Neel, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—20.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Mountien, Proctor and Sheppard—8.

So the motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Speer:

Senate Bill No. 26:

To be entitled an act to provide for the election of delegates to a Constitutional Convention, to determine the time and place of meeting, fixing qualifications of delegates, compensation, &c., and manner of adoption or rejection of said Constitution;

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

By Mr. Bryson:

Senate Bill No. 27:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Henry Macon;

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

By Mr. Lesley:

Senate Bill No. 28:

To be entitled an act concerning the introduction of deeds and other instruments of writing;

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

Also,

Senate Bill No. 29:

To be entitled an act to enable husband and wife to testify in suits for divorce and alimony;

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

Mr. Mallory called up his resolution, that every bill on its

first reading shall be read by its title only, unless the reading of the whole bill be called for by a Senator.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Mountien, Neel, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—27.

Nays—None.

So the motion prevailed.

The President in the Chair.

Mr. Mann introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, That it shall be the rule of this body that night sessions shall be held after fifteen days of the session and continued until the close, except it be ordered otherwise by a two-third vote.

And moved its adoption.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Gaskins, Jones, Lee, Lesley, Mann, McKinne, Speer, Whidden and Williams—9.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Landrum, Mallory, Martin, Mountien, Neel, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard and Stripling—19.

So the motion did not prevail.

Also,

Resolved, That it shall be the rule of this body that no new bills shall be introduced after fifteen days of this session except by permission obtained by a two-third vote.

Mr. Stripling moved its indefinite postponement ;

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that the subject of Temperance is one of greatest magnitude ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special committee of three members shall be appointed to consider the best means to promote the same.

And moved its adoption.

Mr. Chandler raised a point of order.

The President decided it not well taken.

Mr. Stripling moved that Mr. Mann be allowed to withdraw the resolution ;

Which was agreed to.

The resolution was withdrawn.

Mr. Mann offered the following :

WHEREAS, On account of the Indian war it is generally believed that the United States became indebted to the State of Florida in a large amount of money, which remains unpaid ; and whereas, frequent attempts have been made by our representatives ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three members of this body shall be formed by the President, with power to send for persons and papers, who shall report the present condition of said claim, with an opinion as to what action might be taken by this body looking to a speedy settlement of the same ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chandler offered the following resolution and moved its adoption :

Resolved, That one hundred and fifty copies of all bills relative to a Constitutional Convention be printed for the use of the Senate and Assembly.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Stripling offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Senate Journal be printed daily for the use of the Senate, until further orders ;

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the President to visit and report upon the condition of the Lunatic Asylum.

Mr. Neel offered the following amendment :

That a committee of five from the Senate be appointed, with a physician as Chairman, to inspect and report at as early a day as convenient its condition ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Crill moved, that the Special Committee appointed by the Senate act with the Special Committee of the Assembly as requested by the Assembly ;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 9, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—Senate bill No. 4, to be entitled an act relating to the crime of vagrancy ; also,

Senate Bill No. 5, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act relating to proceedings before Justices of the

Peace, and judgments in Justices' Courts, Chapter 2040, approved February 27, 1875, Laws of Florida; also,

Senate Bill No. 8, to be entitled an act fixing the fees of sheriffs and constables in certain cases,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that they do not pass.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Mallory moved to waive the rules to reconsider the vote of the Senate on the report of the Judiciary Committee;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chandler moved to reconsider the vote of the Senate on the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the present session of the Legislature be limited to thirty days.

Mr. Mallory moved to lay the motion on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cooper, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McKinne, Neel, Orman, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—21.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Hendricks, Martin and Sammis—8.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Baker moved the indefinite postponement of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The people of Florida, at the last general election, did decide upon a revision of the Constitution by Convention, which renders uncertain the effect and value of the acts of this Legislature, and creates a heavy expense to be met by increased taxation, and leads to the belief that it will be necessary to call an extra session should the new Constitution be adopted; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the limit to this session shall be fixed at thirty days.

Resolved, That the introduction of bills shall not be permitted after the first fifteen days of this session, except upon a vote of two-thirds of this body.

Resolved, That night sessions shall begin after the first fifteen days fixed for the introduction of new matter, and continue during the session, except discontinued by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Baker withdrew his motion.

Mr. Cottrell moved to postpone the consideration of same until the 23d instant.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Delano, Hendricks, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Neel, Orman, Roberts, Sammis and Sheppard—17.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—11.

So the motion prevailed.

Mr. Cooper moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Ordered to lie over under the rules.

The doors of the Senate opened.

Mr. Crill offered the following resolution:

The People of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows: That the present Legislature of the State of Florida do adjourn on the 4th day of February, 1885, at 12 o'clock noon;

Which was ordered to lie over under the Rules.

Mr. Mann offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A call has been made for ten thousand dollars to aid in completing our display at New Orleans; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of five members of each branch of this Legislature be ordered to repair at an early day and examine fully the condition of affairs in New Orleans, and report the same with an opinion as to the best course to be pursued.

Ordered to lie over under the rules.

Mr. Gaskins introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 27:

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

Read by its title and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Baker moved that the Senate do now go into executive session;

Which was agreed to.

Senate in open session.

Mr. Gaskins offered a bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the duties of the Treasurer of this State.

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