

FRIDAY, January 16, 1885.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Cole, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—23.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

READING OF JOURNAL.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Cottrell:

Senate Bill No. 73:

To be entitled an act to amend the statutes of the State on judgment liens:

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

By Mr. Gaskins:

Senate Bill No. 74:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Crosby, Rowell and Sampson Canal and Railroad Company;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Mann:

Senate Bill No. 75:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Brooksville Academy Joint Stock Company;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Mountien:

Senate Bill No. 76:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 2, Chapter 1936, of the Laws of Florida;

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

Assembly Bill No. 1:

To be entitled an act to dissolve municipal corporations

under certain circumstances therein stated and to provide provisional government for the same;

Was read the first time by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. McKinne moved that the rules be waived and the Senate take up bills on third reading;

Which was agreed to.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate Bill No. 3:

To be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 350, Laws of Florida, entitled an act in relation to duties of Comptroller and Treasurer of this State, approved January 24th, 1865.

The bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Cooper, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling and Whidden—20.

Nays—Mr. Cottrell—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 17:

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

Mr. Jones moved that the rules be waived and that the bill be put back on its second reading for amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 20:

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

The bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—22.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson and Stripling—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 21:

To be entitled an act to allow parties to testify in divorce cases or alimony,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Cooper, Cottrell, Delano,

Hankins, Hendricks, Lee, Lesley, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—18.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Gaskins, Landrum, Mallory and Sheppard—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 22 :

To be entitled an act in relation to the adoption of children, Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cooper, Cottrell, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—24.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson and Speer—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Stripling moved to waive the rules to make a report.

The motion was lost.

Senate Bill No. 26 :

To be entitled an act to prescribe the duties of Treasurers of this State.

Mr. McKinne moved that the bill be put back upon its second reading and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills ;

Which was agreed to.

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 9 :

To amend section 51 of sub-chapter 4 of an act entitled an act to provide for the punishment of crime and proceedings in criminal cases, approved August 6, 1868,

Was read.

Mr. Mallory moved to waive the rules and put the bill back upon its second reading ;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 39 :

To be entitled an act prescribing the number of jurors in cases of forcible entry and unlawful detainer in the County Courts,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 40 :

To be entitled an act to legalize the corporation of the town of Kissimmee City and to legalize its acts and doings, Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 41 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Kissimmee City and Street Railway Company.

Mr. Speer moved to waive the rules and the bill be put back upon its second reading ;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 27 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Henry Macon, Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—23.

Nays—McKinne—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same to be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 44 :

To be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of DeLand, in the county of Volusia, and to declare the corporation of the town of DeLand valid and of full force and effect,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Nays—Messrs. Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Cottrell, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Lee, Mallory, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same to be certified to the Assembly.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

On motion, Mr. Crill's concurrent resolution was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, There is a lack of room in the office of the Secretary of State to properly care for all the books now there; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Secretary of State be authorized to make a list of all books now in the office on scientific and literary subjects, and place them in the Florida University Library for safe keeping, taking a receipt for the same, to be returned to the office of the Secretary of State when called for.

Messrs. Sammis and Chandler were excused until Monday. Assembly Bill No. 1:

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

Was read the first time by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly bill No. 9:

To be entitled an act fixing the price of certain public documents therein named,

Was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 16, 1885.

HON. H. M. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has refused to concur in the amendment of the Senate to "strike out the part relating to clerical aid" from the Assembly resolution to appoint a committee to examine the Land Office and matters connected therewith,

And respectfully ask that the Senate recede therefrom.

Very respectfully,

W. H. REYNOLDS,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Mr. Chandler moved to adhere to its amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martin moved that a conference committee of three on the part of the Senate be appointed to confer with a similar committee on the part of the Assembly to consider the joint resolution in reference to the State Land Office;

Which was laid over under the rules.

Assembly joint resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate and Assembly convene in the Assembly Hall in joint session on Monday, January 19, 1885, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of electing a State Printer, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein,

Was read.

Mr. Chandler moved to amend by striking out "Monday, January 19," and insert "Thursday, January 22;"

Which was agreed to and the resolution adopted.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 17, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has concurred in Senate concurrent resolution that there be printed for the use of the respective Departments of the State Government 200 copies of the Report of the Comptroller, and copies of other reports therein mentioned.

Very respectfully,

W. H. REYNOLDS,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Mr. Cottrell, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 16, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

SIR. Your Committee on Fisheries to whom was referred—
A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of oysters; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to protect owners of fisheries on the Gulf coast of Florida,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the provisions of the said bills, and beg leave to report the same to the Senate and recommend their passage.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL,

Chairman of Committee.

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

Mr. Ormna moved that Senate Bill No. 69, in relation to fisheries on the Gulf coast of Florida be referred back to the Committee on Fisheries;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 16, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 64, to be entitled an act to regulate the issue and return of executions,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and recommend that it pass, with the following amendment, to-wit : In lines 11 and 12 of section 1 strike out the following words : "court or Judge to order the issuing of," and insert in lieu thereof the following words, viz : "Clerk to issue."

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 16, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 1, to be entitled an act to facilitate the giving of bonds required by law,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that it pass, with the following amendment, to-wit : Strike out the whole of sections 2 and 4.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 16, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee to whom was referred—

Assembly Bill No. 10, to be entitled an act to legalize the city government of Ocala, Fla., to fix the corporate limits and provide a common seal therefor,

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

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

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee Fla., Jan. 16, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate bill No. 71, to be entitled an act to amend an act to define the boundary lines of the counties of Lafayette and Taylor, in this State, Chapter 3470, approved January 31, 1883,

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

Very respectfully,

J. H. McKINNE, Chairman.

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

The Committee on Public Printing made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 15, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

Sir: Your Committee on Public Printing—

Beg leave to report they have received the proposition of the State Printer, proposing to do the printing of the present session of the Legislature at the following price, less 20 per cent, viz :

For five hundred copies of the daily journal, one hundred copies to be laid upon the desks of Senators each morning, one-half cent for each one hundred words per copy for the first one hundred copies, and one-eighth of a cent for each one hundred words per copy for the next four hundred copies. This proposal to include all miscellaneous printing, such as bills, messages, reports, &c., &c., whether in pamphlet form or otherwise ordered.

For three hundred copies of the Senate Journal, in book form, to be stitched and delivered after the adjournment of the Legislature, at the rate of eighty-five cents per page, counting one copy; for five hundred copies of the same, at the rate of one dollar and ten cents per page, counting one copy.

Very respectfully,

J. L. GASKINS,
Chairman of Committee

Which was read.

The Committee on State Affairs made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 16, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 5:

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

Very respectfully,

J. W. WHIDDEN,
Chairman of Committee on State Affairs.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 16, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 65, having carefully considered the same find that it provides for the creation of another and a new office, entailing an extra expense to the State of twelve hundred dollars,

Respectfully recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

J. W. WHIDDEN, Chairman
J. N. T. LESLEY,
W. D. HANKINS,
A. R. JONES.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 16, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 55, to be entitled an act to regulate proceedings before Justices of the Peace in criminal cases,

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. STRIPLING.
J. H. MCKINNE,
WM. BRYSON.

In the opinion of the undersigned the above entitled bill ought not to pass, and we recommend accordingly.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,
C. M. COOPER.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 16, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 44, to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of DeLand, in the county of Volusia, and to declare the incorporation of the town of DeLand valid and of full force and effect; also,

Senate bill No. 41, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Kissimmee City Street Railway Company; also,

Senate Bill No. 40, to be entitled an act to legalize the corporation of the town of Kissimmee City and to legalize its acts and doings; also,

Senate Bill No. 9, to be entitled an act to amend Section 51, sub-Chapter 4 of an act entitled an act to provide for the punishment of crime and proceedings in criminal cases, approved August 6, 1868; also,

Senate Bill No. 39, to be entitled an act prescribing the number of jurors in cases of forcible entry and unlawful detainer in the county courts,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and found them to be correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,
W. M. BRYSON, Chairman.

Mr. Chandler moved that the rules be waived and that Assembly bill No. 10 be read the second time by its title;

Which was agreed to.

Also that the rules be waived and the bill be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 10:

To be entitled an act to legalize the city government of Ocala, Florida, to fix the corporate limits and to provide a common seal therefor,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

To vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That hereafter Chairmen of committees, in making their reports, shall set forth in such reports the titles of such bills as their reports may refer to.

By unanimous consent the resolution was taken up and adopted.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 52:

To be entitled an act to fix liabilities of railroads for damage to stock and freight, to regulate the practice in such cases, and to provide a penalty for violation of this act,

Was read the second time in full.

Mr. Baker moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

The motion was withdrawn by leave.

Mr. Stripling moved that 150 copies of the bill be printed;

Which was agreed to and ordered to lay on the table subject to call.

Mr. Mallory called up Senate Bill No. 50, to provide a rule of compensation to the owners of cattle and other stock which are hereafter injured or killed on the lines of railroads in this State, under circumstances therein stated.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment:

In lines 10 and 11, printed bill, strike out all after the word "it" in line 10, down to and including the word "occurred" in line 11;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment:

In line three, section three, change the word "three" to "four."

Mr. Bryson offered the following amendment:

In third line of section three, strike out "three" and insert "six;"

Which was accepted.

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment:

Substitute "two years" for "six months" in section three;

Which was accepted.

Mr. Cottrell moved to substitute "six months" for "two years" in section three;

And that it be adopted.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Cole, Cottrell, Delano, Hendricks, Proctor, Stripling and Williams—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sheppard and Speer—14.

So the substitute was lost.

Mr. Baker moved that the Senate adjourn.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Delano, Hendricks, Lee, McKinne, Speer and Williams—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Cole, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Orman, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard and Stripling—14.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. McKinne moved to go into Executive Session.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Delano, Hankins, Landrum, Lee, McKinne, Proctor, Speer and Williams—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Cole, Gaskins, Jones, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Orman, Roberts, Sheppard and Stripling—12.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Stripling moved to strike out "two years" and insert "one year" in section 3.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mann moved to strike out section 3;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Cole, Cottrell, Hankins, Landrum, Mann, Orman, Proctor, Roberts and Sheppard—11.
Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Delano, Gaskins, Jones, Lee, Malory, Speer, Stripling and Williams—9.

So the motion was agreed to.

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A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

READING OF THE JOURNAL.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Delano:

Senate Bill No. 77:

To be entitled an act to amend sections 2, 7 and 8 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Seville and Halifax River Railroad Company, approved March 5, 1883;

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

By Mr. Speer:

Senate Bill No. 78:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Winter Park Company;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Stripling:

Senate Bill No. 79:

To be entitled an act to restore to citizenship all persons

convicted in Justices' Courts and to define and limit the effects of judgments of Justices of the Peace in criminal cases;

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

By Mr. Mann:

Senate Bill No. 80:

To be entitled an act to restore to the estates of Benjamin C. Lewis and P. P. Brokaw and others certain Indian war certificates unjustly withheld by the State, and for other purposes;

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

Mr. Mallory presented the memorial of the Gopher Cigar Company relative to repeal of drummer's license;

Which was read.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 17, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 13, to be entitled an act to provide for the taking of the census of the State of Florida for the year 1885; also,

Senate Bill No. 26, to be entitled an act to prescribe the duties of the Treasurer of this State; also,

Senate Bill No. 42, to be entitled an act to enforce the assessment and collection of taxes on certain lands granted to the St. Johns Railway Company; also,

Senate Bill No. 43, to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the relinquishment of the dower of insane married women, approved February 16, A. D. 1883; also,

Senate Bill No. 48, to be entitled an act to designate the times for holding the terms of the Circuit Court for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida,

Beg leave to report that they have examined them and find them to be correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON,

Chairman of Committee.

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 17, 1885.
 HON. MILTON H. MABRY,
President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 67, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Tampa Street Railway Company,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that said bill be referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Very respectfully,
 CHARLES DELANO,
 Chairman Committee.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 17, 1885.
 HON. MILTON H. MABRY,
President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 60, to be entitled an act to create a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of the Trustees of the Preachers' Relief Fund of the Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South,

Beg leave to report that, having carefully considered the same, recommend that the bill do pass.

Very respectfully,
 CHARLES DELANO,
 Chairman Committee.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Jan. 17, 1885.
 HON. M. H. MABRY,
President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 75, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Brooksville Academy Joint Stock Company,

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

Very respectfully,
 CHAS. DELANO, Chairman.

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

The Judiciary Committee made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 17, 1885.
 HON. M. H. MABRY,
President of the Senate:

SIR—Your committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 57, to be entitled an act to prohibit dealers in general merchandise from selling drugs and medicines in any incorporated town where there is a regular drug store, have fully considered the same, and a majority of your committee beg leave to report that the statute now in force is fully ample to protect druggists in dispensing and compounding drugs, and that we believe this bill, if it were to become a law would work a hardship to the people in the increased prices of drugs and medicines, tending to create a monopoly in said business; therefore, we recommend it do not pass.

Very respectfully,
 J. H. MCKINNE,
 J. N. STRIPLING,
 C. M. COOPER,
 Committee.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate Bill No. 50:

To be entitled an act to provide a rule of compensation to owners of cattle and other stock which are hereafter injured or killed on the lines of railroad in this State under circumstances therein stated.

Mr. Orman offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 50:

Amend section 1, in lines 5 and 6, after the word within, by striking out "sixty days" and inserting in lieu thereof "two years."

Mr. Bryson offered the following amendment:

Striking out in line 5 of section 1 "sixty days" and insert "six months;"

Which was accepted, and the amendment adopted.

Mr. Stripling offered the following amendment :

SEC. 3. That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to deprive any party aggrieved of the privilege of bringing suit because of the failure of such party to present his claim in the form and within the time herein prescribed; *Provided*, That any party aggrieved who fails or refuses to present his claim in the manner and within the time herein provided shall not in any suit recover exemplary damages ;

Which was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed as amended.

Senate Bill No. 9 :

To be entitled an act to amend Section 51, sub-Chapter 4, of an act entitled an act to provide for the punishment of crime and proceedings in criminal cases, approved August 6, 1868.

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment :

After the word "fraudulently" insert "destroy ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mallory moved to strike out the word "words" and insert "label" in first section ;

Which was agreed to.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 41 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Kissimmee City Street Railway Company,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Assembly Bill No. 2 :

To be entitled an act for the protection of oysters,

Was read the second time.

Senate Bill No. 17 was read, and, by unanimous consent, the bill was withdrawn.

Senate Bill No. 33 :

To be entitled an act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations of the year 1884.

The committee offered an amendment, which was adopted and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 23 :

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

Was read.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mann moved that 150 copies be printed.

Upon the yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Cole, Delano, Gaskins, Landrum, Lesley, Mann, Orman, Proctor, Roberts and Stripling—13.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Lee, Mallory, McKinne, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—11.

So the motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 58 :

To be entitled an act to make an appropriation to aid Florida's exhibit at the World's Exposition at New Orleans.

Mr. Stripling offered the following amendment :

Strike out "five thousand" and insert "ten thousand,"

Upon the yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cole, Lesley, Mann, Proctor, Speer and Stripling—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Cottrell, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Sheppard, Whidden and Williams—15.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Delano offered the following amendment :

That \$6,000 be appropriated for the New Orleans Exposition.

Mr. Stripling offered the following amendment to the amendment :

Strike out "six thousand" and insert "eight thousand."

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cole, Lesley, Speer and Stripling—5.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Cottrell, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Mallory, Mann, McKinne, Orman, Proctor, Sheppard, Whidden and Williams—18.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Baker moved to postpone the consideration of the bill until Monday next, at 4 o'clock P. M. ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gaskins offered the following amendment : insert "three thousand" instead of "six thousand ;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard, Stripling and Whidden—14.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Cottrell, Delano, Hendricks, Lesley, Mann, Speer and Williams—8.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Baker moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

On motion to adopt the amendment as amended, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Burnam, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sheppard, Stripling and Whidden—12.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Cottrell, Delano, Hendricks, Lee, Lesley, Mann, Speer and Williams—10.

So the motion was adopted.

Mr. Stripling moved to indefinitely "postpone the bill ;"

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 51 :

To be entitled an act to amend chapter 2, section 7, McClellan's Digest.

The committee offered the following substitute :

Senate Bill No. 51, to be entitled an act to amend section 8 of an act entitled an act concerning wills, letters testamentary and titles of administrators, and the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, approved November 20, 1828.

The substitute was adopted and ordered to be engrossed for the third reading.

Mr. Bryson moved to reconsider the vote of the Senate to print Senate Bill No. 23.

The motion went over.

Senate Bill No. 64 :

To be entitled an act to regulate the issue and return of executions.

The amendments offered by the committee were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Speer in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 55 :

To be entitled an act to regulate proceedings before Justices of the Peace in criminal cases.

Mr. Mallory moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

The motion did not prevail

Mr. McKinne moved to recommit the bill ;

Which prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 71 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act to define the boundary lines between the counties of Lafayette and Taylor in this State, Chapter 3470, approved January 31, 1883.

On motion of Mr. Hankins, the bill was recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill No. 65 :

To be entitled an act to create a Superintendent of the Penitentiary and to prescribe his duties.

The bill was laid upon the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 54 :

To be entitled an act to repeal an act to establish a Bureau of Immigration and to promote the rapid settlement of State lands,

Was read and ordered to be engrossed.

The President in the chair.

Mr. Mann offered the following :

WHEREAS, The past four years have been marked as the most prosperous in the history of our State and have witnessed contracts and sales of such magnitude as to require an investigation by this body for the information of all the citizens of the State ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to investigate, examine and report to this body any and all facts in relation to sales of land by the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, as well as all contracts made by them under the laws of this State, with any and all drainage and canal companies and private individuals interested in such contracts or sales ;

Which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mallory, Senate Bill No. 41, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Kissimmee City Street Railway Company, was put back upon its second reading by unanimous consent.

Mr. Mallory then called up the bill and offered the following amendment :

In line 8, Section 2, (engrossed bill,) strike out all after the word " as " down to and including the word " directors " in the 10th line, and insert the following in lieu thereof, viz : " the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of said Kissimmee City ;

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 75 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Brooksville Academy Joint Stock Company,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Mann, Judge Knapp was invited to a seat on the floor of the Senate.

The President appointed Messrs. Mann, Lesley and Bryson the committee to investigate the Land Office.

Senate Bill No. 57 :

To be entitled an act to prohibit dealers in general mer-

chandise from selling drugs and medicines in any incorporated town where there is a regular drug store.

Mr. Proctor moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cooper, Cottrell, Delano, Lesley, McKinne, Orman, Proctor, Sheppard and Stripling—9.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Mallory, Mann, Speer and Williams—11.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Stripling offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 57:

To strike out Section 1 and insert the following: That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person, except lawfully qualified druggists, to keep or offer for sale any drugs or medicines in any unincorporated city or town of this State.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

A message was received from the Governor.

The Committee on Railroads and Canals made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 17, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your committee on Railroads and Canals to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 25, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Midland Railway Company,

Respectfully report the same back with amendments and recommend that it pass with the amendments recommended by the committee; also,

That they have considered Senate Bill No. 59, to be entitled an act to confirm the organization of the Jacksonville and Atlantic Railroad Company,

And recommend that the same do pass with an amendment proposed by the committee.

Very respectfully,

C. M. COOPER,
Chairman Committee.

The Committee on Indian War Claims made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 17, 1885.

HON. MILTON H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Indian War Claims beg leave to

report that they have had the matter under consideration and have taken the testimony of S. I. Wailes, Senator W. Call, Wm. D. Bloxham and S. B. Conover, and submit the same herewith, together with exhibits, documents, &c., which are very voluminous and of great importance to the State, showing that there is involved in this claim in the neighborhood of one million dollars; they also contain very important suggestions as to the action to be taken by the Legislature in the matter as well as to the manner of procedure in collecting same, as well as possibility of such collection and final settlement of this whole matter, as well as money due the State school fund. We, therefore, request that the testimony and exhibits, &c., be printed, 150 copies for the use and information of the Legislature.

All of which is very respectfully submitted.

WM. BRYSON,
J. W. WHIDDEN,
A. S. MANN,
Committee.

Mr. Bryson moved that so much of the report as relates to printing be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 17, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 38, to be entitled an act providing for the appointment of administrators,

Beg leave to report that they have examined, and found the same properly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, Chairman.

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

Mr. Mallory moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Orman, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—14.

A quorum not present.

The roll was again called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Crill, Gaskins, Jones, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Mountien, Orman, Proctor, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer and Whidden—18.

A quorum present.

The Senate went into executive session.

The doors of the Senate being opened,

Mr. Delano moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms furnish a copy of the acts of 1883 to the Chairmen of each of the standing committees of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

The President instructed the Secretary to read the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 14, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

SIR—In pursuance to instructions that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to procure comfortable seats outside the bar for the accommodation of the visitors, and twelve additional chairs for use inside the bar; also that the Sergeant-at-Arms procure three copies of McClellan's Digest for the use of the Judiciary Committee, respectfully report that the order of the Senate has been complied with.

Very respectfully submitted,

M. F. PAPP, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Mann offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to visit New Orleans and make a complete report of amounts due and in their judgment the amount necessary, if anything, to complete our display, said committee to pay its own expenses;

Which was read.

Upon motion to adopt the resolution, and the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Cooper, Delano, Hankins, Lesley, Mann and Williams—8.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Cottrell, Gaskins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Stripling and Whidden—12.

So the resolution was lost.

Mr. Lesley offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Privileges and Elections be and are hereby authorized to send for persons and papers to appear before said committee, if in their judgment they find that that the ends of justice require it;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hankins offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate appoint a committee of four to visit the convict camp near Live Oak and report to this body the condition, treatment, &c., of the convicts.

Mr. McKinne moved to insert "five" in place of "four;"

Which was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Senate Bill No. 67:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Tampa Street Railway Company,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Senate Bill No. 60:

To be entitled an act to create a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of "The Trustees of the Preachers' Relief Fund" of the Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Bryson:

Senate Bill No. 82:

To be entitled an act to authorize A. M. Ingersoll and his associate to construct a boom or booms on the Suwannee river;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Navigation.

By Mr. Crill:

Senate Bill No. 81, to be entitled an act to change the county line between the counties of Putnam and Marion;

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

Mr. Mann offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred joint resolution on committee to New Orleans, be ordered to report at 10 o'clock Monday morning, and in case the Chairman is present he be ordered to report progress;

Which was read.

Mr. Mallory moved to adjourn;

Which was agreed to.