

The following communication was ordered to be read by the Secretary:

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 20, 1885. }

HON. M. H. MABRY,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The whole vote cast for Representative in Congress in the Twenty-fourth Senatorial District (Monroe county) in November, 1882, was as follows, viz:

R. H. M. Davidson received 968 votes, Emory F. Skinner received 548 votes, D. L. McKinnon received 474 votes; total, 1,990.

The whole number of votes cast at said election in said Senatorial District was as follows, viz:

George W. Allen received 947 votes, John Jay Philbrick received 289 votes, Charles B. Pendleton received 761 votes; total, 1,997. Very respectfully,

JOHN L. CRAWFORD.

Mr. Orman moved to take up his resolution;  
Which was agreed to.

By leave Mr. Orman withdrew the resolution and offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Chas. B. Pendleton is entitled to a seat upon the floor of this Senate as a member thereof under the election of 1882;

Upon the yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cole, Cottrell, Lesley, Mann, Neel, Orman, Roberts, Sheppard, Stripling and Whidden—11.

Nays—Messrs. Chandler, Crill, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Mallory, Mountien, McKinne, Proctor and Speer—10.

Mr. Bryson was excused from voting on the resolution.

Mr. Jones was excused from voting on the resolution.

Mr. Williams was excused from voting on the resolution.

Mr. Gaskins was excused from voting on the resolution.

Mr. Sammis was excused from voting.

Mr. Martin was excused from voting.

Mr. Baker moved that Mr. C. B. Pendleton be now sworn in;  
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Pendleton was sworn in as Senator from the Twenty-fourth Senatorial District by Mr. James B. Whitfield, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida.

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

CONFIRMATIONS.

E. K. Foster, to be Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit.  
D. Beggs, to be State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

J. A. Elleman, to be Sheriff of Nassau county.

W. M. Ives, to be County Judge of Columbia county.

John Vinzant, to be Clerk Circuit Court of Columbia county.

Wm. Clark, to be County Judge of Calhoun county.

J. F. Shands, to be Assessor of Taxes of Hernando county.

A. J. DaCosta, to be Assessor of Taxes of Alachua county.

Wm. J. Wilson, to be Collector of Revenue of Clay county.

C. A. Bryan, to be Clerk Circuit Court of Leon county.

John A. Edwards, to be Clerk Circuit Court of Nassau county.

H. H. Walker, to be Assessor of Taxes of Wakulla county.

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WEDNESDAY, January 21, 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, Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mann, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling and Williams—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

READING OF THE JOURNAL.

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

Mr. Neel was excused on account of sickness.

Mr. Williams was excused from serving on committee to visit the convict camp.

Mr. Bryson was appointed on the committee in place of Mr. Williams.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Baker:

Senate Bill No. 90:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 10, Chapter 176, of the Laws of Florida;

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

By Mr. Lesley :

Senate Bill No. 91 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Norris Davis of Hillsborough county ;

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

By Mr. Mallory :

Senate Bill No. 92 :

To be entitled an act declaring Anclote river navigable ;

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

Mr. Gaskins offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to solicit from reliable and responsible parties bids and proposals, under seal, to do the Legislative printing, on the basis of the contracts of 1881 and 1883, (for the same see Assembly Journal of 1883, page 133), said bids and proposals to include the preparation and publication at the end of the journals of an analytical index of their contents, without cost for preparing the same, and that said committee report said bids and proposals to the Senate, with a view to the election of the lowest responsible bidder as Public Printer; but this not to affect the rights of the present Public Printer;

Which was read and adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., January 20, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Assembly Bill No. 87, to be entitled an act to complete the exhibit of the State of Florida at the World's Industrial Cotton Centennial Exposition now being held at New Orleans,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

W. H. REYNOLDS,

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 87 :

To be entitled an act to complete the exhibit of the State of

Florida at the World's Industrial Cotton Centennial Exposition now being held at New Orleans,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Strippling moved to waive the rules and the bill be read the second time.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Hendricks, Lesley, Proctor and Strippling—5.

Nays—Messrs. Burnam, Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Lee, Mallory, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—20.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Assembly Bill No. 49 :

To be entitled an act to make Rufina, Dolores and Francisco legitimate children and heirs of Francisco Marrero and his wife, Henrietta,

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

Assembly Bill No. 50 :

To be entitled an act to make Maria de los Santos the legitimate child and heir of Nicholas Prieto,

Was read the first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Assembly Bill No. 67 :

To be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act fixing the punishment of horse stealing, approved December 13, 1866,

Was read the first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Memorial No. 7 :

Asking a mail route between Tampa, DeSoto, Point Pinalis and Manatee and Peru,

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

Assembly Bill No. 23 :

To be entitled an act to make Alafia river in Hillsborough county a navigable stream,

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

Assembly Bill No. 28 :

To be entitled an act declaring the town of Orlando a legally incorporated city under the laws of this State,

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Assembly Bill No. 29 :

To be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Eustis, Orange county, State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Eustis valid and of full force and effect,

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Bill No. 42 :

To be entitled an act to provide for service on non-resident defendants and others in certain chancery causes,

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Bill No. 43 :

To be entitled an act to regulate the practice of the Circuit Court providing for a non-suit with bill of exception in certain causes,

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Bill No. 44 :

To be entitled an act to provide for a bill of exceptions from Courts of Justices of the Peace and and County Courts to the Circuit Courts,

Was read the first time referred to Judiciary Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 21, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

*President of the Senate :*

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred—

Assembly Bill No. 9, to be entitled an act fixing the price of certain public documents therein named,

Report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,  
J. H. McKINNE,

Chairman of Committee on Appropriations.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 21, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

*President of the Senate :*

Sir: Your committee appointed to visit the State Lunatic Asylum ask leave to make their report.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,  
MILES MOUNTIEN,  
W. M. NEEL,  
Committee.

HON. MILTON H. MABRY,

*President of the Senate :*

Sir: The majority of the committee appointed to visit the State Lunatic Asylum performed that duty on the 16th and 17th instants, and ask leave to make the following report and recommendations:

We were received by Drs. Randolph and Foreman, who gave us all the information and assistance possible in making our investigation.

A careful examination was made of the condition of the rooms, with regard to the comforts of the patients. The rooms and bedding were clean and in good order. The quantity of bedding is sufficient, consisting of mattresses, blankets, sheets, pillows and spreads. The clothing of inmates good and clean. The food of good quality and sufficient quantity. We were pleased to note a marked improvement in many of the patients. In some instances from raving maniacs they have so far recovered as to be allowed the freedom of the grounds and the halls of the buildings. From our investigation we believe everything has been done possible for the comfort and health of the inmates consistent with the means and facilities at hand.

We examined the books and invoices, and find that, in buying, the interests of the State have been protected. A record is kept of the daily requisitions for food, and at the end of each month a summary made.

An examination of buildings showed that they were generally in good repair. There is urgent necessity for additional room to properly care for and separate the inmates, so that the mildly insane may have wards by themselves; and we recommend that a new building for the colored males be erected as soon as possible. Also, that some one of the buildings now there be fitted up and arranged as a hospital, where those sick and unable to leave rooms could be properly cared for separate and apart from the other inmates. There is now on the

grounds a building that, by raising one story, will be well adapted for that purpose.

It is also of the greatest importance that a division be made in the grounds so as to effectually separate the sexes. A brick wall should be erected for that purpose, but owing to the delay in procuring brick we recommend that a tight plank fence be erected at once.

In this connection we desire to say that brick have been made on the grounds owned by the State, of good quality, which have been used in the erection of buildings now there; an abundance of clay and wood are at hand, and we think it might be advisable for the State to manufacture the brick necessary for the erection and repair of buildings and walls. As the State has now to pay for the care of the convicts, they could be here profitably employed. There is a building separate and apart from the Asylum buildings that could form the basis of a penitentiary building, the building being about 60x100 feet, with walls 5 feet thick. The building is surrounded by a brick wall about 15 feet high, enclosing a court some 20 or 25 feet wide.

We recommend that the law be so changed that after September 1, 1885, no aid will be furnished any indigent lunatic or insane person outside the asylum.

The law should also be changed so that the Board could employ a General Manager to take charge of all business matters pertaining to the management of the farm and all matters, except the management and care of the inmates, which should be left entirely to the physician in charge.

The place should be stocked with cows, the milk to be used for the inmates exclusively.

A bill similar to the one passed by the Senate last session, providing for a Board of Visitors, should be enacted.

In order to carry out the necessary improvements needed we recommend that ten thousand dollars be put in the appropriation bill for that purpose.

Very respectfully

E. S. CRILL, Chairman.  
MILES MOUNTIEN,  
WM NEEL,  
Committee.

Which was read.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 21, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,  
*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Education to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 82, to be entitled an act declaring who shall compose the School Board of Public Instruction in each county of this State,

Have examined the same, and a majority of the committee recommend that it do not pass; also,

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 school districts, and other purposes,

And recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Jan. 21, 1885.

HON. MILTON H. MABRY,  
*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 85, to be entitled an act requiring Collectors of Revenue to pay into the State Treasury the one mill school tax collected by them,

Have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,  
Chairman Committee.

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

The Committee on Public Lands made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 21, 1885.

HON. MILTON H. MABRY,  
*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 84, to be entitled an act to protect settlers on public lands,

Have had the same under consideration and desire to ask that the same be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Very respectfully,  
A. R. JONES, Chairman

A message from the Governor.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., January 21, 1885.

HON. MILTON H. MABRY,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has—

Passed Assembly Bill No. 65, to be entitled an act to aid the celebration of the first settlement of Florida; 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. 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.

Very respectfully,  
W. H. REYNOLDS,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

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

Mr. Baker's motion to reconsider the vote of the Senate on Mr. Chandler's amendment to Assembly Bill No. 1, was taken up.

Mr. McKinne moved that the motion be laid on the table.

Upon the yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Burnam, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gas-  
kins, Jones, Lee, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton,  
Roberts, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—15.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Martin, Proctor, Sam-  
mis, Stripling and Whidden—7.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baker offered the following amendment :

Strike out all relating to indebtedness in section 1, and

insert, when any city or town is under a republican municipal government ;

Which was lost.

Mr. McKinne moved to waive the rules and that the bill be read the third time and put upon its passage.

The motion was withdrawn by leave.

Mr. McKinne moved that the bill be made a special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M. ;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 73 :

To be entitled an act to amend the statutes of the State in relation to judgment liens.

Mr. Mallory moved that the bill be recommitted to the Judiciary Committee ;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 6 :

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1, of an act entitled an act to provide a means for the collection of claims for cattle and other stock destroyed by railroads, Chapter 2060, 1875, Laws of Florida,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Mallory, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

By leave, Mr. Landrum withdrew the bill.

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, Laws of Florida, approved February 27, 1875.

Mr. Mallory moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 20, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

*President of the Senate :*

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

Senate Bill No. 59, to be entitled an act to confirm the organization of the Jacksonville and Atlantic Railroad Company and to enlarge its powers; also,

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

Senate Bill No. 51, to be entitled an act to amend section 8 of an act entitled an act concerning wills, letters testamentary and letters of administration, and the duties of executors, ad-

ministrators and guardians, approved November 20, 1828; also, 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; also,

Amendment to Senate Bill No. 41, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Kissimmee City Street Railway Company,

Have examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 21, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 47, to be entitled an act to fix the liability of railroad companies for the killing of cattle or other animals; also,

Senate Bill No. 52, to be entitled an act to fix the liability 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; also,

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,

Beg leave to report the same correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, Chairman.

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

Mr. Mallory moved that the Senate take a recess until five minutes of 12 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

#### FIVE MINUTES OF TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Senate resumed its session.

A committee from the Assembly appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that the Assembly were ready to receive the Senate.

#### IN JOINT SESSION.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Willams—28.

The roll of the Assembly was called and the following members answered to their names:

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Altman, Ashmore, Brack, Brewer, Bryant, Byrd, Byrne, Carter, Clinton, Cone, Crawford, Croft, Emmons, Ewan, Forrest, Frazier, Gibbs of Jefferson, Gibbs of Duval, Grady, Green, Gudenrath, Head, Hicks, Himes, Herndon, James, Kelly, Kirk, Lyle, McCaslin, McLean, McLeod, Monroe, Middleton, Miller of Gadsden, Miller of Marion, Miller of Washington, Niblack, Osgood, Owen of Duval, Owens of Gadsden, Overstreet, Palmer, Peeples, Perkins, Perrenot, Powell, Quincy, Richards, Robinson of Jackson, Robinson of Orange, Rush, Smythe, Sneed, Snider, Snow, Solomon, Tate, Taylor, Tumblin, Walker, Jr., Washington, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Wilkerson of Marion, Wilkinson of Nassau, Wilkinson, Jr., of Santa Rosa and Yonge.

A quorum present.

The journal of both houses, so far as related to the vote for U. S. Senator of yesterday, was read and approved.

The President declared Wilkinson Call was duly elected as United States Senator from Florida, to succeed himself in the United States Senate.

Mr. Bryant moved,

That there be a committee of three appointed to notify Senator Call of his election, and request that he deliver an address in the Assembly Hall to night at 8 o'clock, and the members of both the Senate and Assembly are respectfully invited to attend;

Which was adopted.

Messrs. Bryant, Yonge and Baker were appointed as a committee.

On motion of Mr. Stripling, Senate withdrew to the Senate Chamber.

TWENTY MINUTES PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Senate resumed its session.

On motion of Mr. Bryson Messrs. Whidden and Williams were added to Special Committee on Canals and Drainage.

Mr. Roberts was excused from serving on Committee to Visit Convict Camps.

Mr. Mountien was added to the committee.

On motion the committee was excused for two days to visit the camp.

Mr. Mann moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Motion withdrawn by leave.

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 21, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 74, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Crosby, Rowell Sampson Canal and Railroad Company,

Respectfully request that said bill be referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO,  
Chairman Committee.

Which was read and adopted, and the bill referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Senate Bill No. 5:

To be 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.

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

Which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Senate Bill No. 92:

To be entitled an act declaring Anclote river navigable;

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

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 35:

To be entitled an act to grant certain privileges to the Manatee Dry Dock Company.

The amendments of the committee were adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 29:

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

The amendments of the committee were adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 78:

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

The amendment of the committee was adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Baker, on committee to notify Senator Call of his election, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and moved that when the Senate adjourn it shall adjourn until five minutes of 8 o'clock P. M., this day.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Stripling moved to indefinitely postpone Senate bill No. 78;

Which was lost.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Gaskins offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be requested to inform the Committee on Railroads at an early day what railroad companies, if any, doing business in this State, are in arrears in the payment of taxes; in what sum or sums; and for what years, and how long; and whether railroad companies are chargeable with interest on their taxes after they become due, and if chargeable with interest what amount is or would be due from them for unpaid taxes, reckoning interest at 8 per cent. from the date at which such taxes became due.

That he further inform said committee whether the owners of steamboats doing business in the waters of this State are taxed the same as the owner of other property, and if not, why not;

Which was adopted.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 21, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

*President of the Senate:*

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

A bill to be entitled an act to grant additional powers and privileges to the Palatka and Indian River Railway Company,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass with the following amendments, viz.;

1st Amendment. In the 11th line of section 2, after the word "thereof," insert "nor shall a street, or any portion thereof, of any municipal corporation be taken or occupied without the consent of the council of such municipality, nor shall the track of any other railway or the canal way of any canal be taken or interfered with further than to make proper crossing of the same."

2d Amendment. In the 6th line of section 3 strike out the words "yards, depots, warehouses and other structures."

3d Amendment. In the 23d line of section 3 strike out "households" and insert "and" in place thereof.

4th Amendment. In 30th line of section 3 strike out the word "or" and insert "and" in place thereof.

5th Amendment. In 4th line of section 4 after the word "company," insert "for the purpose aforesaid;" also in line 2 of said section insert between all and lands, "swamp and overflowed," after lands "granted the State of Florida by act of Congress of September 28, 1850."

Very respectfully,

J. L. GASKINS,  
Chairman of Committee.

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. 21, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee to whom was recommended—

Senate Bill No. 73, to be entitled an act to amend the Statutes of the State as to judgment liens, beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that it do not pass; but your committee also recommend that if in the judgment of the Senate it be thought proper to pass said bill, the following amendments be adopted, to wit:

Strike out the words Section 1 and the enacting clause, and insert the following in lieu thereof, viz:

*The people of the State of Florida represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows: Section 1.*

Strike out all of the title and insert the following in lieu thereof:

An act to fix the duration of judgment liens on real estate at ten (10) years.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Delano moved to take up Senate Bill No. 63, to grant additional powers and privileges to the Palatka and Indian River Railroad Company;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was read.

Mr. Delano moved that the bill be referred to Judiciary Committee;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate went into executive session.

The doors were opened.

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

CONFIRMATIONS.

John M. Beggs, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court for Madison county.

George F. Baltzell, to be County Judge for Jackson county.

F. E. de la Rúa, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court for Escambia county.

Joseph Wilkins, to be Sheriff for Escambia county.

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THURSDAY, January 22, 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, Burnam, Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Sammis, Shepard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—23.

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.