

CONFIRMATIONS.

Jno. L. Crawford, to be Secretary of State.
 E. S. Crill, to be State Treasurer.
 C. L. Mitchell, to be Commissioner of Lands and Immigration.
 Angus Nicholson, to be Clerk of Circuit Court for Gadsden County.
 W. F. Forward, to be Clerk of Circuit Court for Putnam County.
 Ignatius Lopez, John S. Masters, Francis M. Sanchez, J. B. Ponce, Antonio L. Ximanes, to be Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of St. Augustine.

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FRIDAY, January 30, 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, Burnam, Chandler, Cottrell, Crill,, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—27.
 A quorum present.
 Prayer by the Chaplain.

READING OF THE JOURNAL.

On motion of Mr. Martin the further reading of the Journal was dispensed with.
 Mr. McKinne moved that that portion of the journal relating to a conference committee on Senate Bill No. 20, be expunged from journal and the committee be allowed to make another report to day;
 Which was agreed to.
 Mr. Mallory moved that the journal be corrected to show that Senate Bill No. 113, be Joint Resolution No. 113;
 Which was agreed to.
 Mr. Neel was excused for a few days.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Sammis:
 Senate Bill No. 119:
 To be entitled an act to protect mechanics, laborers and material-men and provide for the summary collection of wages due them;
 Which was read the first time by its title and referred to Judiciary Committee.
 By Mr. Jones:
 Senate Bill No. 120:
 To be entitled an act to provide for a Board of Visitors for the State Insane Asylum;
 Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.
 Also,
 Joint resolution asking Congress to establish a mail route from Lake DeFuniak to Lake View;
 Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The following message was read:
 ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., January 30, 1885.
 HON. M. H. MABRY,
President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted the following concurrent resolution:
Be it resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That this Legislature do adjourn *sine die* on Thursday, February 12th, 1885,
 And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

Mr. Gaskins moved that the rules be waived and the resolution be taken up;
 Which was agreed to.
 Mr. Gaskins moved that the resolution be adopted.
 Mr. Baker moved to postpone consideration of the resolution until the 11th February.
 Mr. Mountain moved to lay the motion on the table.
 The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Burnam, Cole, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—25.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler and Proctor—3.
So the motion prevailed.

Mr. Chandler moved to postpone consideration of resolution until Tuesday, February 10, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. McKinne moved to lay the motion on the table.
Upon which the yeas and nays were called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—19.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Martin, Proctor, Sammis and Stripling—8.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Mallory moved the previous question.

The President announced, Shall the main question be now put?

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

Yeas—Messrs. Burnam, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—20.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cole, Martin, Proctor and Sammis—6.

Upon the adoption of the resolution, the yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—24.

Nays—Mr. Baker—1.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Chandler moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Mr. McKinne moved to waive the rules, to take up the motion to reconsider.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Burnam, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—21.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cole, Martin, Proctor, Sammis and Stripling—7.

So the motion prevailed.

Upon motion to lay on the table, the motion prevailed.

The resolution was ordered to be certified to the Assembly.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 30, 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 the action of the Senate in appointing a Committee of Conference on Assembly Amendments to Senate Bill No. 20, and that Messrs. Yonge, Bryant and Forrest have been appointed on the part of the Assembly on such Committee; also,

That the Assembly has passed the following concurrent resolution:

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

W. H. REYNOLDS,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

The joint resolution was read and went over.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 29, 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. 41, to be entitled an act to make the stealing of certain domestic animals therein mentioned a felony and to provide for the punishment thereof; also,

Senate Bill No. 9, to be entitled an act 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; also,

Senate Bill No. 43, to be entitled an act to provide for the relinquishment of the dower of insane married women, approved February 16, 1863; also,

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

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

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

Assembly Bill No. 41 :

To be entitled an act to make the stealing of certain domestic animals therein mentioned a felony and to provide for the punishment thereof,

Was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill No. 9 :

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

Was ordered to be enrolled.

Senate Bill No. 43 :

To provide for the relinquishment of the dower of insane married women, approved February 16th, 1863,

Was ordered to be enrolled.

Senate Bill No. 26 :

To prescribe the duties of the Treasurer of this State,

Was ordered to be enrolled.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla.: January 29, 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—

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; also,

Assembly bill No. 45 :

To be entitled an act to provide a general law for the adoption of children; also,

Bill No. 143 :

To be entitled an act to fix the boundary lines of the town of Bartow and to legalize the town government of the same; also,

Assembly Bill No. 139 :

To be entitled an act to authorize the Clerks of the Circuit Courts to appoint deputies in their own precincts;

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

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 ordered to be enrolled.

Assembly Bill No. 45 :

To be entitled an act to prescribe a general law for the adoption of children,

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

Assembly Bill No. 143 :

To be entitled an act to fix the boundary lines of the town of Bartow and to legalize the town government of the same,

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

Assembly Bill No. 139 :

To be entitled an act to authorize the Clerks of the Circuit Courts to appoint deputies in their own precincts,

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

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., January 29, 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 Memorial No. 5, asking that the Naval Reserve lands of the United States, situate lying and being in the county of Lafayette, Florida, be made and declared subject to homestead entry and pre-emption,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

Assembly Memorial No. 5 :

That the Naval Reserve lands of the United States in the county of Lafayette, Florida, be made subject to homestead entry and pre-emption,

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. McKinne, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organizations, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

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

Assembly Bill No. 104, to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Brooksville, in the county of Hernando, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Brooksville valid and of full force and effect,

Have examined the same and recommend that it do pass with the following amendment, viz : Strike out the second section.

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE,
Chairman of Committee.

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

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Bill No 137, to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Crescent City, of the county of Putnam, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Crescent City valid and of full force and effect,

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

Strike out second section.

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE,
Chairman of Committee.

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

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

SIR : Your Committee on Appropriations to whom was referred—

Assembly Bill No. 114, to be entitled an act making appropriation for and extending the provisions of Chapter 3447, approved March 5, 1883, Laws of Florida,

Report that they have examined the same and report it back without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE,
Chairman of Committee.

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

Mr. Lee, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

SIR : Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 100, to be entitled an act to establish a Bureau of Agriculture for the State of Florida, and to repeal an act entitled on act to establish a Bureau of Immigration for the State of Florida, and to promote the rapid settlement of State lands, approved March 7, 1879,

Beg leave to report that they have examined and considered the same, and recommend that it do pass, with accompanying amendments.

Very respectfully,

G. M. LEE, Chairman of Committee.

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

Mr. Crill, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Bill No. 86, to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act relating to the indebtedness of the State, approved February 21, 1873,

Have examined the same, and recommend that it do pass; also,

Assembly Bill No. 76,

And recommend that it do pass with the following amendments:

In line 14, after the word "given" insert "but in no case shall a bond be required to exceed thirty thousand dollars."

In line 17 strike out "collection" and insert "collector."

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,

Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 105:

To be entitled an act fixing the time for the assessment of real and personal property,

Have examined the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,

Chairman Committee.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Education to whom was referred—
Senate Bills Nos. 92 and 93,

Have examined the same and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,

Chairman of Committee.

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

Mr. Lesley, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred—

The contest case of S. C. Cobb, of Escambia county, contestant, from the First Senatorial District vs. S. R. Mallory, contestee,

Beg leave to make this their majority report:

That from the evidence now before this Committee, that S. R. Mallory is entitled to his seat as Senator of the First Senatorial District, and that Mr. Cobb be heard upon the floor of the Senate in his own behalf.

Very respectfully,

JNO. T. LESLEY,

Chairman Committee.

MINORITY REPORT.

WHEREAS, It appears by the testimony in the case of S. C. Cobb, contestant for the seat of Hon. S. R. Mallory, Senator from the First Senatorial District, that gross frauds were perpetrated by the alteration of the returns from Precinct No. 9, and frauds of the same character were perpetrated at Precinct No. 8 and other precincts of the county, as alleged by the contestant, which frauds he endeavored to prove by the summoning of witnesses, to-wit: the Inspectors of Elections at the election held November 4th, 1884;

Whereas, The witnesses declined to appear, although their compensation, as allowed by law, was deposited with the County Judge, of which fact the witnesses were duly notified and failed to appear;

Whereas, The contestant demanded an attachment for said witnesses, which attachment, after argument by the contestee and his attorneys, was denied upon the ground that there was no law in regard to a contest for the seat of Senator, thus leaving the contestant without remedy or means to prove his allegations;

And whereas, The contestant memorializes this body, asking that said witnesses be summoned, which request has not yet been granted; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Privileges and Elections

be directed to inquire and to sit during recess, with power to send for persons and papers, to the end that they may report what action is necessary in this case in order that justice be done and the rights of citizens preserved, and report thereon at the next session of this body.

J. D. COLE,

of Committee on Privileges and Elections-

Mr. Mallory, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Jan. 29, 1885.

HON. MILTON H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on the Judiciary, 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 it pass, with the accompanying amendments herewith reported.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY, Chairman.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 107, to be entitled an act to grant certain privileges to D. W. Meeker and his associates,

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

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY, Chairman.

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

Also the following:

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 29, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly Bill No. 69, to be entitled an act to provide for the introduction in evidence of conveyances and certified copies of conveyances acknowledged or proved and recorded,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that it do pass with the following amendment, to-wit:

Insert in line 3, section 1, after word proven, "by the party or parties executing the same before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which such conveyances are to be recorded; also,

Assembly Bill No. 117, to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Micanopy, Alachua county, State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Micanopy valid and of full force and effect,

And recommend that it do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all of sections two and three; also,

Assembly Bill No. 57, to be entitled an act to prohibit the indiscriminate digging of holes in the woods,

Beg leave to report the same without recommendation; also,

Assembly Bill No. 80, to be entitled an act to authorize the Judges of the Circuit Courts to bring suits,

Report the same without recommendation; also,

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,

Recommend that it do pass with the following amendment at end of section 1, viz:

Provided, That the property of the children shall not be subject to the control of said Francisco Marrero unless he give a bond in an amount to be fixed and approved by the County Judge of said county; also,

Assembly Bill No. 50, to be entitled an act to make Maria de los Santos the legitimate child and heir of Nicholas Prieto,

Recommend that it do pass with the following amendment at end of section 1:

Provided, That the property of the said child shall not be subject to the control of said Nicholas Prieto unless he give a bond in an amount to be fixed and approved by the County Judge of said county; also,

Assembly Bill No. 7, to be entitled an act to create and establish a State Board of Health for the State of Florida,

Beg leave to recommend that the same do not pass; also,

Senate Bill No. 2, to be entitled an act to regulate the admission of Foreign and Domestic Surety Companies to do business in this State,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that it do pass; also,

Senate Bill No. 111, to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 3307 of the Laws of Florida, approved March 7, 1881,

And recommend that it do not pass; also,

Senate Bill No. 110:

To be entitled an act to keep in repair the public roads and highways in this State,

Beg leave to report the same without recommendation; also,

Senate Bill No. 81:

To be entitled an act to confer police powers upon conductors of passenger trains in this State, to provide punishment for neglect of official duty,

Beg leave to report the same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY,
Chairman of Committee.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

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

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,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. L. GASKINS,
Chairman of the Committee.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, January 30, 1885

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly Bill No. 70, to be entitled an act to grant lands to the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company to make up deficiencies along its present and proposed extended line, and for the establishment of telegraph and telephone lines,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. L. GASKINS,
Chairman Committee.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

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

Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 12, to be entitled an act to amend Section 2, Chapter 140, Laws of Florida, being an act to provide for the speedy publication of all statutes and laws of a public nature,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

J. L. GASKINS,
Chairman Committee.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Corporations to whom was referred—

Assembly Bill No. 55:

To be entitled an act for the incorporation of Presbyteries within the State of Florida,

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO,
Chairman Committee.

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

Mr. Whidden, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 30, 1885.

HON. MILTON H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 120, to be entitled an act to provide for a Board of Visitors for the Insane Asylum,

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

Very respectfully,

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

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

A Committee from the Assembly appeared at the bar of the Senate, and presented the following communication:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, January 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: We are directed by the Assembly to notify the Senate that Mrs. J. F. Chapin, of Charleston, S. C., has been invited to address the members of the Senate and Assembly on the subject of temperance, in the Assembly Hall, this evening at 7:30 o'clock, and that the members of the Senate are hereby invited to attend said lecture.

Very respectfully,

N. A. CARTER,
W. B. OWEN,
Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Chandler moved to pass over the orders of the day to take up the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections;

Which was agreed to.

The Secretary then read the minority report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. McKinne moved that Mr. Cobb, the contestant, be heard;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cobb, the contestant, then appeared upon the Senate floor and addressed the Senate in his own behalf.

Mr. Mallory, the sitting member, then addressed the Senate in reply.

Mr. Cole moved to adopt the minority report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. McKinne moved that the further consideration of the matter be postponed until 7 o'clock P. M. this day.

Mr. Mann moved that the consideration of the matter be postponed until 7 o'clock Tuesday night, and that 150 copies of the evidence be printed;

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Gaskins, Hankins, Lesley, Mann, Martin, Mountien, Proctor, Sammis and Stripling—13.

Nays—Messrs. Burnam, Cottrell, Crill, Heudricks, Lee, McKinne, Orman, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—10.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Delano was excused from voting on the motion.

Mr. Mallory was excused until Monday.

Mr. Bryson moved that the Senate adjourn.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Delano, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Mountien, Orman, Speer and Williams—11.

Nays—Messrs. Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Lesley, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard and Stripling—15.

Mr. Baker moved to waive the rules, to take up the communication from the Assembly in relation to the invitation to temperance lecture;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bryson moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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, Cole, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mann, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling and Williams—26.

A quorum present.

Mr. Henricks was excused until Tuesday.

Messrs. Mountien and Roberts were excused until Monday.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

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

Assembly Bill No. 96, to be entitled an act to amend Sections 4, 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to confirm the organization of the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax River Railway Company and to grant certain ferry privileges and lands to said company, approved February 28, 1881,

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

Begin at line 19, Section 2, and strike out the following :
“ and on the portion of the line of said railroad between St. Augustine and New Smyrna, in addition to said alternate sections, five thousand acres per mile for every mile thereof completed as aforesaid of lands lying within six miles of said railroad ; also,

Strike out : “ as well as the five thousand acres additional grant ” in lines 37 and 38 of the above section.

Strike out “10” in line 12 of Section 3, and insert in lieu thereof “20,” and add the accompanying proviso, beginning after the word “entered” in line 66 of said section.

Very respectfully,

J. L. GASKINS,
Chairman Committee.

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

On motion of Mr. McKinne, the rules were waived and the following message was taken up :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

Sir: I am directed by the Assembly to request the Senate

to return Assembly Bill No. 32, to the Assembly without action thereon as there is an informality in the passage of the bill, which the Assembly desires to correct.

Very respectfully,

W. H. REYNOLDS,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Delano, the request of the Assembly was complied with and the secretary ordered to return the bill.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 30, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Bill No. 102 :

To be entitled an act to abolish the office of State Printer and to provide for the printing of the Executive and Legislative Departments,

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend that the accompanying bill be adopted as a substitute.

Very respectfully,

J. L. GASKINS,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The consideration of Exposition bill was taken up.

Mr. McKinne moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table ;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was ordered to be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 52 :

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

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Burnam, Chandler, Cottrell, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling and Williams—19.

Nays—Mr. Crill—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

By leave Mr. Stripling offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, On Saturday, the 24th instant, a concurrent resolution was adopted by the Assembly providing for a joint session of the Senate and Assembly on Thursday, the 29th inst., at 12 o'clock M., to elect a State Printer, which said resolution was promptly transmitted to the Senate; and whereas, by an oversight wholly unintentional the Senate omitted to take action upon said resolution until after the time therein designated for the holding of said joint session, thereby rendering the Senate liable to the imputation of an act of discourtesy to the Assembly; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate hereby expressly disclaims any intention of discourtesy to the Assembly in omitting to give said resolution the prompt attention to which it was entitled, and hereby tenders to the Assembly its apology for the seeming indifference with which it was treated.

And whereas, The Senate and Assembly, assembled in joint session on the 22d inst. for the purpose of electing a State Printer, and did then and there postpone said election for the period of ten days, for the purpose of giving an opportunity of testing the sense of the Legislature upon the propriety of abolishing the office of State Printer; and whereas, a bill has been introduced in the Senate looking to the abolition of said office of State Printer, upon which the Senate has not had an opportunity of final action; and whereas, the day to which the election was postponed is the Lord's day, as has been decided by the Assembly, and will require further action upon the part of the two branches of the Legislature; therefore, be it further

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the election of State Printer be further postponed until the 10th day of February, at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. Stripling moved to waive rules and the resolution be taken up.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Gaskins, Lesley, Mann, Martin, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard and Stripling—14.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Speer and Williams—12.

Mr. Mann moved to waive the rules that he might offer a resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mann offered the following resolution :

Resolved that the Senate, Assembly Concurring, meet in joint session at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, February 2d, to elect a State Printer.

Mr. Chandler moved to strike out the word "Monday" and insert the word "Saturday."

Mr. Baker moved to strike out the word "Saturday" and insert the words "10th of February."

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Gaskins, Martin, Mountien, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard and Stripling—11.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, McKinne, Orman, Speer and Williams—12.

Message from the Assembly.

Mr. Sammis offered the following amendment :

Strike out "Saturday," and insert "Monday, 9th February, 1885."

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Gaskins, Landrum, Martin, Mountien, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard and Stripling—10.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Lee, Lesley, Mann, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Speer and Williams—15.

Mr. Baker moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Mr. Baker moved to lay the resolution and amendment on the table :

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Gaskins, Martin, Mountien, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard and Stripling—11.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Lee, Lesley, Mann, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Speer and Williams—14.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. McKinne called for the previous question.

The President announced :

Shall the main question be now put ?

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks,

Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Speer and Williams—14.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cole, Gaskins, Mann, Martin, Mountien, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard and Stripling—11.

So the previous question was agreed to.

Upon motion to adopt Mr. Chandler's motion to strike out "Monday," and insert "Saturday,"

The yeas and nays were called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Martin, Proctor and Sammis—5.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mann, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—20.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Upon the adoption of the resolution, the yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mann, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Speer and Williams—16.

Nays—Messrs. Burnam, Gaskins, Martin, Mountien, Proctor, Sammis Sheppard and Stripling—8.

Mr. Chandler moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Mr. Mann moved to waive the rules and take up the motion to reconsider.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mann, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Speer and Williams—15.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Gaskins, Martin, Mountien, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard and Stripling—11.

So the motion was lost, not having received a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Mann offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That during the calling of the roll when voting and before the result of the vote is announced by the President, no Member shall be permitted to change his vote for the purpose of reconsidering the question voted upon and thus delaying necessary legislation.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Gaskins, Jones, Lee and Mann—4.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Crill, Delano,

Hankins, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling and Williams—21.

So the resolution was lost.

Mr. Mann asked leave to offer a resolution;

Which was objected to.

Mr. Martin moved that the rules be waived, and Mr. Mann have leave to offer his resolution.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Delano, Lesley, Mann, Martin, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis and Speer—9.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Cottrell, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Sheppard, Stripling and Williams—15.

So the motion was lost.

On motion the Senate went into executive session.

The doors were opened.

Mr. McKinne moved to adjourn until 7:30 o'clock to-night.

Mr. Baker moved to amend by adjourning until 10 o'clock Monday.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam and Chandler—3.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—18.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Baker moved to amend that Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Delano and Stripling—4.

Nays—Cottrell, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—16.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Mann moved to adjourn until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Delano, Landrum, Martin, Sammis and Stripling—5.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Gaskins, Hendricks, Jones, Lee, Lesley, McKinne, Orman, Proctor, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—15.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Chandler moved to adjourn;

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Delano and Stripling—3.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Speer and Williams—16.

So the motion was lost.

Upon motion the Senate adjourned until 7:30 o'clock to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Lee, Lesley, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Proctor, Sheppard, Stripling and Williams—11.

A quorum not present.

Mr. Chandler moved a call of the House;

Which was agreed to.

The Secretary called the roll and the following Senators were absent:

Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Cole, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, Neel, Pendleton, Roberts, Sammis, Speer and Whidden—19.

Messrs. Burnam and Landrum were excused.

Mr. Lee moved that the Senate adjourn.

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

Yeas—Mr. Lee—1.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Gaskins, Lesley, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Proctor and Williams—9.

Mr. Baker moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms bring to the Senate Chamber all absentees not excused;

Which was agreed to.

The President instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to execute the order.

Upon Senators coming into the Chamber, the President declared the order to the Sergeant-at-Arms to go for absentees vacated.

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

Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard and Williams—16.

Quorum not present.

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

Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—17.

Mr. Baker moved to suspend the rules to offer a resolution; Which was lost.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Assembly Bill No. 37:

To be entitled an act to fix the liabilities of owners of log drives or ditches in certain cases,

Was read the third time.

Mr. Baker moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Hankins and Martin—5.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Gaskins, Hendricks, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling and Williams—15.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Burnam, Crill, Gaskins, Hendricks, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling and Williams—14.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Hankins, Martin and Proctor—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 28:

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Burnam, Chandler, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling and Williams—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 29:

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

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Crill, Hankins, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling and Williams—18

Nays—Mr. Gaskins—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Baker moved that the rules be waived for the purpose of offering a resolution;

Which was ruled out of order

Mr. Chandler moved to waive the rules to offer a resolution;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Stripling moved that Mr. Baker be appointed a committee of one to attend the lecture on temperance;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was read from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., January 30, 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. 134, to be entitled an act requiring railroad corporations operating railroad cars in this State to give public notice of the arrival and departure of regular passenger trains; also,

Assembly Bill No. 140, to be entitled an act for the relief of L. M. Chester; also,

Assembly Bill No. 77, to be entitled an act to alter and amend Section 19, Chapter 97 of Election Laws, McClellan's Digest, page 140; also,

Assembly Bill No. 32, to be entitled an act to provide an annuity for disabled soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida; also,

Assembly Memorial No. 12, entitled a memorial requesting our congressional delegation to secure, if possible, the passage of an educational bill; also,

Senate resolution asking the Postmaster-General to establish a mail route from Fort Meade, in Polk county, to Bony, on Kissimmee River.

Very respectfully,

W. H. REYNOLDS,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Senate Resolution No. 14:

Asking the Postmaster-General to establish a mail route from Fort Meade, in Polk county, to Bony, on Kissimmee River,

Was ordered to be enrolled.

Assembly Memorial No. 12:

Requesting our congressional delegation to secure if possible the passage of an educational bill,

Was referred to the Committee on Education.

Assembly Bill No. 134:

To be entitled an act requiring railroads and corporations operating railroad cars in this State to give public notice of the arrival and departure of regular passenger trains,

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

Assembly Bill No. 140:

To be entitled an act for the relief of L. M. Chester,

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

Assembly Bill No. 77:

To be entitled an act to alter and amend section 19, of Chapter 97 of Election Laws, McClellan's Digest, page 140,

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

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

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.

The amendment offered by the committee was adopted.

Bill as amended ordered to be engrossed.

Assembly Bill No. 70:

To be entitled an act to grant lands to the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company to make up deficiencies along its present and proposed extended line, and for the establishment of telegraph and telephone lines.

Mr. Mallory offered the following amendment:

In line 1 of section 1 strike out the words "be it enacted,"

And moved its adoption;

Which was agreed to.

Bill as amended ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Chandler the rules were waived, and the reconsideration of Assembly Bill No. 109, was taken up.

Upon motion to reconsider, the motion prevailed.

Assembly Bill No. 109:

To be entitled an act for the protection of keepers of livery, sale and feed stables,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins Hendricks, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—17.

Nays—Mr. Stripling—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 101 :

To be entitled an act to Incorporate the Santa Fe and St. Johns Railway Company and to grant certain lands to the same,

Was read.

Mr. Crill in the chair.

On motion the bill was delivered to Mr. Gaskins to be corrected, and then to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 107 :

To be entitled an act to grant certain privileges to D. W. Meeker and his associates,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 67 :

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

Was read.

The amendments by the committee were adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

By leave the following bills were introduced :

By Mr. Lesley :

Senate Bill No. 121 :

To be entitled an act to authorize Simon B. Hayden and associates to build a toll and draw bridge across Hillsborough river;

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

By Mr. Lesley :

Senate Bill No. 122 :

To be entitled an act to determine the priority of deeds and other instruments of record in this State ;

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

By Mr. Proctor :

Senate Bill No. 123 :

To be entitled an act to provide a mode for carrying into effect Section 3, Article 10 of the Constitution of Florida;

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

By Mr. Martin :

Senate Bill No. 124 :

To be entitled an act in relation to the East and West Florida Seminaries ;

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

By Mr. Pendleton :

Senate bill No. 125 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Key West Street Car Company ;

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

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 86 :

To be entitled an act relating to the indebtedness of the State,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 93 :

To be entitled an act to prevent the public school fund from being used for sectarian purposes,

Was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 105 :

To be entitled an act to require County Judges to give bond.

The amendments by the committee were adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 22.

On motion of Mr. Mallory, the bill was made the special order for Tuesday 11 o'clock.

Mr. Stripling moved to adjourn until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Proctor and Stripling—4.

Nays—Messrs. Burnam, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—16.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Baker made his temperance report.

Mr. Mann moved that the temperance report of Mr. Baker be spread upon the Journals.

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

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Hankins, Hendricks, Lee, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—11.
Nays—Messrs. Burnam, Crill, Gaskins, Lesley, Mann, Martin, Pendleton and Stripling—8.

So the motion prevailed.

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

Which was agreed to.

CONFIRMATION.

Wm. J. Johnson, to be Sheriff of Santa Rosa county.

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SATURDAY, January 31, 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, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mann, Martin, McKinne Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—24.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

READING OF THE JOURNAL.

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Concurrent resolution upon the subject of fixing the taxation of railroads.

Mr. Crill moved that the resolution lie on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinne moved that the Printer be instructed to comply with the orders of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 30, 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 the Senate amendments to—

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

Very respectfully,

W. H. REYNOLDS,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Judiciary reported:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., January 31, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

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

Assembly Bill No. 45:

To be entitled an act to provide a general law for the adoption of children,

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

Very respectfully,

JOHN H. MCKINNE,
Acting Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Mr. McKinne moved the rule be waived and bill be read second time;

Agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 45:

To be entitled an act to provide a general law for the adoption of children.

Read the second time.

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

Agreed to.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cole, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Landrum, Lee, Leslie, McKinne, Pendleton, Sammis, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—16.