

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 2, 1885.
HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Claims to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 103, to be entitled an act to require the
Comptroller to audit and allow certain accounts, and for other
purposes,

Have had the same under consideration and recommend it
do pass.

Very respectfully,
J. G. SPEER,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Bryson moved that the Senate adjourn.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cottrell, Hankins,
Martin, Proctor, Sammis and Stripling—10.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Delano, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley,
Mann, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer,
Whidden and Williams—15.

Mr. Chandler moved that the Senate go into executive ses-
sion;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Delano moved to waive the rules to take up Senate Bill
No. 70.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cottrell, Delano, Landrum,
Lesley, Mann, Martin, Proctor, Sammis and Whidden—11.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Hankins, Jones, Lee, Mc-
Kinne, Orman, Pendleton, Speer, Stripling and Williams—11.

So the motion did not prevail

Mr. Bryson moved that the Senate adjourn.

The yeas and nays were called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Chandler, Cottrell,
Mann, Proctor, Sammis, and Stripling—9.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Delano, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley,
Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Roberts, Sheppard,
Speer, Whidden and Williams—15.

Mr. Chandler moved to go into executive session.

The Chair ruled that the motion had already been voted
down.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Senate Bill No. 83:

To be entitled an act to prevent fraud upon travellers,

Was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Chandler moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning at
10 o'clock.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cottrell, Delano,
Jones, Lee, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Stripling and Wil-
liams—12.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Hankins, Landrum, McKinne, Orman,
Pendleton, Roberts, Speer and Whidden—9.

So the motion prevailed, and the Senate adjourned until to-
morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Thomas Mitchell, to be Sheriff of Gadsden county.

T. E. Buckman, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court of Duval
county.

W. H. Johnson, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court of Polk
county.

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TUESDAY, February 3, 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, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Mallory,
Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Rob-
erts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

READING OF JOURNAL.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. McKinne:

Senate Bill No. 132:

To be entitled an act to permit amendments in attachment
proceedings;

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

By Mr. Orman :

Senate Bill No. 133 :

To be entitled an act requiring all indigent lunatics now in the hands of committees, and all persons that may hereafter be declared indigent lunatics, to be placed in the Insane Asylum at Chattahoochee ;

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

By Mr. Mallory :

Senate Bill No. 134 :

To be entitled an act authorizing the employment of stenographers in the several Circuit Courts in this State ;

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

Mr. Delano moved that the rules be waived to take up substitute for Senate Bill No. 70, to be entitled an act to amend Sections 13 and 17 of an act to provide a general law for the incorporation of railroads and canals ;

Which was agreed to.

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Mallory, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—22.

Nays—Mr. Lesley—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

On motion of Mr. Delano, the rules were waived and the bill was certified at once to the Assembly.

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

WHEREAS, A resolution has passed the Assembly and has been concurred in by the Senate to adjourn on the 12th inst., and as it will be impossible by diligent work to finish the business that is now before the Senate by said time ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That no new business be entertained by the Senate after Thursday of this week, except by the consent of two-thirds of this body.

Mr. Baker moved to strike out "Thursday 5" and insert "Thursday 12."

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Martin and Pendleton—4.

Nays—Messrs. Burnam, Cottrell, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—19.

So the motion was lost.

Upon the adoption of the resolution ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Burnam, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Speer, Whidden and Williams—15.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cottrell, Martin, Proctor and Sheppard—6.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Chandlee offered the following, and moved its adoption :

WHEREAS, Only a minority of this Senate, to-wit : fifteen Senators, voted for State Printer, in the so-called joint session of yesterday ; and

Whereas, Seventeen Senators and no less constitute a quorum of this body, and a less number cannot do business in this Chamber, or as a body meet the Assembly in joint session ; and

Whereas, It is evident that the law providing for the election of State Printer, contemplates a joint session composed of a quorum of the Senate and a quorum of the Assembly ; and

Whereas, No such joint session has been held, and no State Printer elected at an election in which a quorum of the Senate and a quorum of the Assembly participated ; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Senate that the bill providing for abolishing the office of State Printer, and providing for letting out of the public printing to the lowest bidder should be taken up and disposed of by this Senate at the earliest practical moment.

Mr. Cottrell moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Cottrell, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—19.

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

So the motion prevailed.

Mr. Pendleton offered the following and moved its adoption :

As it is a well-known and notorious fact that gambling hells are openly conducted in the cities of Jacksonville, Tallahassee

and others cities; that these dens are open daily and nightly, inviting the unwary; that gamblers freely and seemingly in spite of officers and existing laws, ply their infamous trades; that scarcely a day passes but we hear of the robbery of some man by a bunko or other tricks; that in spite of public sentiment and the righteous indignation of the public press, nothing is done; be it

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to see if there is any sufficient law to meet these crimes, and if there is not, to report the draft of one; should there be such a law, then to report the same and let the people know whether the laws or the officers shall be held responsible.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Chandler, Cottrell, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—21.

Nays—Mr. Mallory—1.

Which was greed to.

Messrs. Pendleton, Cottrell and Sammis were appointed such committee.

Mr. Gaskins offered the following:

WHEREAS, It appears from investigation in the Treasurer's office that there are \$236 in "greenback scrip;" and

Whereas, This scrip is of no use and has to be carried on the Treasurer's accounts as so much cash; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly Concurring, that the special committees appointed to investigate the Comptroller's and Treasurer's accounts, be empowered to burn said scrip and receipt to the Treasurer for the same;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and the resolution put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution was read and adopted.

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

WHEREAS, The Senate is in receipt of a very courteous invitation to attend the World's Exposition at New Orleans; and

Whereas, it is of the utmost importance that the very best display possible be made by our State; and

Whereas, the attendance of the Legislature on Florida's day

would tend to promote the interest in the exhibit of the State; therefore,

Resolved, that the Senate attend the Exposition in a body on February 14th, and that the President of the Senate be requested to forward to Director General Burke, a notice of the Senate's acceptance of his invitation.

Mr. Mallory moved to lay the resolution on the table.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Cottrell, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—20.

Nays—Messrs. Baker and Chandler—2.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate Resolution No. 22:

In relation to granting lands to certain railroads in this State,

Was passed over informally to be amended.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The following message was received:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., February 2, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has tendered the use of the Assembly Hall to Prof. Kost at 7 o'clock to-morrow evening, for the purpose of delivering a lecture on the subject of the "Geology of Florida," and respectfully invite the Senate to be present at that time.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read.

Mr. Crill moved that the Senate return thanks to the Assembly for their kind invitation to attend the lecture of Prof. Kost this evening, but on account of a special order for to-night have to decline;

Which was agreed to.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 3, 1885.

HON. MILTON H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

Sir : Your Committee on Agriculture to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 118, to be entitled an act to amend sections 5 and 7 of chapter 3440, entitled an act to keep in repair the public roads and highways of this State, and to amend an act entitled an act to keep in good repair the public roads and highways in this State, approved March 7, 1881,

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

Assembly Bill No. 107, to be entitled an act to declare what shall be a lawful fence or enclosure to lands owned by any one,

Have examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

G. M. LEE,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 3, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Bill No. 100, to be entitled an act to establish a Bureau of Agriculture of Florida, and to repeal an act entitled an 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 ; also,

Senate Bill No. 87, to be entitled an act to change the county line between the counties of Putnam and Marion,

Report the same, after examination, as being correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read.

The President and Secretary signed the following enrolled bills :

An act to repeal an act to fix the punishment for horse stealing, approved December 13, 1866 ; also,

An act to regulate the practice of certain courts, and to provide for non-suit with bill of exceptions in certain cases ; also,

An act to complete the exhibit of the State of Florida at the World's Industrial Cotton Centennial Exposition now held at New Orleans.

Senate Bill No. 90 passed over.

Senate Bill No. 45 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the regulation of railroad freights and passenger tariffs in this State, to prevent unjust discrimination and extortion in the rates charged for the transportation of passengers and freights, and to prohibit railroad companies, corporations and lessees in this State from charging other than just and reasonable rates, and to punish the same and prescribe a mode of procedure and rules of evidence, and to appoint Commissioners and to prescribe their powers and duties in relation to the same.

Mr. Baker moved to postpone the consideration of the bill until Friday at 11 o'clock.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mann, Martin, Orman, Proctor, Sammis and Williams—15.

Nays—Messrs. Burnam, Cottrell, Jones, Mallory, McKinne, Sheppard and Stripling—7.

So the motion was agreed to.

Message from the Assembly.

Senate Resolution No. 22 was again called up by Mr. Mann.

Mr. Mann offered the following amendment to Senate Resolution No. 22 :

Strike out all after the word "therefore," in line 25, on first page, to and including the word "assembled," in line 27, and insert the following: "The people of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows: Section 1."

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

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Gaskins, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—12.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Sheppard and Speer—9.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Delano moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Judiciary ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Stripling moved to take from the table Senate Bill No. 65.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Delano, Landrum, Lesley, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Stripling and Williams—16.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Cottrell, Crill, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Mallory, Orman, Speer and Whidden—10.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 65 :

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

Was read the second time.

Mr. McKinne moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

The yeas and nays were called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crill, Gaskins, Jones, Landrum, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Speer and Whidden—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Chandler, Delano, Lesley, Mann, Martin, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Stripling and Williams—14.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. McKinne moved to recommit the bill.

Mr. Chandler moved to lay the motion on the table.

Mr. Chandler withdrew the motion to table the motion.

Upon Mr. McKinne's motion to recommit, not agreed to, the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The President instructed the Secretary to read the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 3, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

SIR: In accordance with the instructions of the Senate, that the Sergeant-at-Arms procure for the use of the Secretary of the Senate a desk with lock and key, for keeping all bills, resolutions, memorials and other papers in his charge, respectfully report that a desk suitable for that purpose can be procured at Mr. Gilmore's for sixteen dollars.

I respectfully ask that the Senate direct me what expense I shall incur in carrying out the order of the Senate.

Very respectfully submitted,

M. F. PAPY,

Sergeant-at-Arms for the Senate.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 120 :

To be entitled an act to provide for a Board of Visitors for the State Insane Asylum,

Was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 102 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the public printing for the State of Florida, and to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the election of a State Printer, approved August 6, 1868 ;

Substitute offered by the committee was adopted and the bill read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 105 :

To be entitled an act fixing the time of assessment of personal and real property in this State.

Mr. Crill moved to indefinitely postpone the bill ;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No. 115 :

To be entitled an act to amend sections 2 and 4, of an act entitled an act granting aid for the construction of the Tallahassee, Thomasville and Gulf Railroad.

The committee recommended a substitute.

Mr. Orman moved to adopt the substitute as recommended by the committee in lieu of original bill ;

Which was agreed to.

The substitute was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Baker, the Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION—4:45 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met.

The President in the chair.

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

Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Lee, Lesley, Mann, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—21.

A quorum present.

Mr. Baker moved that the rules be waived to take up Assembly Bill No. 70 on third reading ;

Which was agreed to.

Senate 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 lines, and for the establishment of telegraph and telephone lines.

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Lesley, Mann, Martin, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Speer, Whidden and Williams—18.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly at once.

On motion of Mr. Baker the bill was ordered to be certified to the Assembly at once.

Mr. Bryson moved that the Senate go into executive session;

Which was agreed to.

The doors were opened.

The special Committee on Constitutional Amendments, made the following report:

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

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Special Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 15, to be entitled an act to provide for calling a Convention of the people of the State of Florida; and

Senate Bill No. 27, to be entitled an act to provide for calling an election to elect delegates to meet in convention for the purpose of framing a constitution, to fix the time and place of such convention, and to determine the qualifications and compensation of such delegates,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the accompanying substitute do pass in lieu thereof.

Very respectfully,

A. S. MANN,
Chairman Committee.

The Committee on Convict Camps made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 2, 1885

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your committee appointed to visit the Convict Camp of the State, beg leave to report:

That they did, on the 20th ult., visit the said camp, and found that there were 104 men and three women at one camp, and 68 at another; that of this number there were only six unable to work and in the hospital, one of those being afflicted by a disease of an incurable nature, and that it is impossible for him to live but a short time at most. The others are suffering from chills and fever, except one, who was lying up with a wounded foot, he having cut it with an ax. We find that the contractor, C. K. Dutton, has complied with the contract in furnishing good wholesome diet to said convicts and plenty of same, as appears from the book of the Commissary, though numbers of the said convicts complain and deny getting sufficient meat and clothing. We find that all said convicts are provided with two blankets and nearly all with two full suits of clothes at all times, though there are a few who have no coats or jackets; this as explained resulted from the uncertainty of the present contractor retaining the said convicts for a longer time than his last lease, which ended January 1, 1885, he having supplied all with clothing the first of October, 1884, and as soon as it was known that the present contractor had leased the convicts again the supplies were ordered, and we are informed by the contractor's agent that he is having the same manufactured now, and is supplying the convicts with clothing and shoes as required by the provisions of his contract. We find that a majority of said convicts are properly provided with shoes and that the same are renewed every three months as provided in contract, though some few are barefoot from the same cause as above stated in relation to the clothing. We also find the most of the convicts in cheerful spirits and not overworked nor ill treated, though sometimes punished for misconduct, but the same is not cruel or inhumane. We would further report that in our judgment the Board of Public Institutions has not provided for sufficient bedding for said convicts in the contract with the lessee, and would recommend the provision of a moss, shuck or straw mattress for each of said convicts in addition to the two blankets provided for. We find further that the house in which the convicts have been sleeping at one camp was too open, and on inquiry we were informed that the slats that closed the cracks of the building had been taken off during the summer and had not as yet been replaced as the convicts are only temporarily in this building to enable them to cleanse and whitewash and otherwise repair the winter building, which would be ready in a day or two and the convicts placed therein.

We find that the said convicts are provided with good medi-

cal treatment and medicines, and that a minister preaches to them twice per month on alternate Sabbaths, as required by law.

We are sorry to know that the past administration could do no better with the convicts than they did, being now an expense to the State of \$8,500. And while we believe this to be the very best that could be done under the circumstances, we believe that in the future they can be made a source of revenue to the State as in the past, and would recommend such legislation as may be necessary to accomplish this end.

We further report that we find a female in prison for larceny who at the time of conviction was *enciente*, and will in a short time become a mother, and while we doubt the propriety of our recommending her pardon by the Governor we believe that such would be but humane action on his part. We also find an aged white woman confined in the said prison for life who is in very bad health and the physician says she can live but a short time, and he and the keeper as well as the contractor recommend her pardon, which we would respectfully call to the attention of the Governor and Pardoning Board as she is too poor to employ counsel to assist her getting a pardon by the present course of law. We believe that it would undoubtedly be but an act of charity to let her return to her home and friends to die.

We would respectfully recommend that the Board of Public Institution begin their advertisement for the lease of the convicts the 1st of October of the year and have the bids close the 1st of November, instead of the 24th of December, as at present, so as to enable parties bidding to make sufficient arrangement to care for them before having to receive and take charge of them. We would report that from information received from the agent of the contractor, that in all probability the present contractor would make a fair bid for them for the next year should they be let as heretofore.

Very respectfully,

W. D. HANKINS, Chairman.
WM. BRYSON,
J. E. PROCTOR.

Which was read.

By leave the following bill was introduced :

By Mr. Mallory :

Senate Bill No. 135 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes on railroads and the properties thereof, for the years 1879, 1880 and 1881, as to which there was no assessment;

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

Mr. Mann moved to waive the rules and take up bills on the third reading;

Which was not agreed to.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., Feb. 3, 1885.

HON. MILTON H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

Sir : Your Committee on Enrolled Bills report the following acts as having been examined and found correctly enrolled :

An act to provide a general law for the adoption of children.

An act for the protection of the keepers of livery, sale and feed stables.

An act to fix the liability of owners or operators of log drives or ditches in certain cases.

An act declaring the town of Orlando a legally incorporated city under the laws of this State.

Very respectfully,

G. M. LEE,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

The President and Secretary signed the foregoing bills.

By leave, Mr. Delano introduced the following bill :

Senate Bill No. 136 :

To provide for the appointment of Commissioners to examine into the alleged draining by the Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company, and to make an appropriation for such examination,

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

Mr. Gaskins moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 101 be taken up and read the third time ;

Which was agreed to.

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 the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Proctor, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—18.

Nays—Messrs. Jones and Mountien—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Baker moved that the Senate adjourn until 7:30 o'clock to-night.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Mallory, Martin and Mountien—6.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Cottrell, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Lee, Lesley, Mann, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—15.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bryson moved to waive the rules and take up Senate Bill No. 100 on its third reading ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Chandler moved to adjourn until 7:30 o'clock.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler and Martin—4.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Hankins, Jones, Lee, Mallory, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer and Williams—16.

Which was not agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 106 :

To be entitled an act to regulate the practice of dentistry in this State,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Lesley offered the following amendment, and moved its adoption :

Strike out the word "five" wherever it appears and insert the word "three;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bryson offered the following amendment, and moved its adoption :

At the end of section 9, insert "and on conviction be fined not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars at the discretion of the court;"

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Speer moved that the Senate adjourn until half-past 7 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to.

NIGHT SESSION—7:40 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

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

Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Lesley, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—15.

A quorum not present.

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

Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—18.

A quorum present.

The President in the chair.

Mr. Lesley asked that Mr. Hankins be excused ;

Which was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The minority report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections in the case of Cobb vs. Mallory was taken up.

Mr. Baker moved the report be made the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

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

Which was agreed to.

The minority report was then read.

Mr. Stripling offered the following, and moved its adoption :

Resolved, That the contested election case of Cobb vs. Mallory be recommitted to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and that said committee be authorized and empowered to send for persons and papers, and to sit, if necessary, after the adjournment of this session, and to make a full investigation and examination of the same, and report at the earliest practicable time ; and that said committee be authorized to report at the next session of the Senate, if it is found impracticable to report at an earlier period ;

Which was lost.

Upon the motion to adopt the minority report of the committee, the yeas and nsys were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Cole, Martin and Sammis—6.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Lee, Lesley, Mann, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—13.

So the motion was lost.

Messrs. Pendleton and Proctor were excused from voting.

Mr. McKinne moved the adoption of the majority report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections:

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mann, Martin, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer, Whidden and Williams—18.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Cole and Sammis—3.

So the motion prevailed.

Mr. Stripling was excused from voting.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 109:

Passed over in absence of Mr. Gaskins.

Senate Bill No. 110:

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

Was read the second time.

Mr. McKinne moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Mallory, McKinne and Sheppard—3.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Burnam, Chandler, Crill, Delano, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mann, Martin, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Sammis, Speer, Whidden and Williams—19.

So the motion did not prevail.

Ordered to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 121:

To be entitled an act to authorize Simon B. Hayden and associates to build a toll and drawbridge across Hillsborough river,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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.

Mr. Speer moved to indefinitely postpone;

Which was not agreed to.

The bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Crill in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 129:

To be entitled an act providing for the levy of taxes for the years 1885 and 1886.

The bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Assembly Memorial No. 4:

Asking Congress for an appropriation for erecting a government building at Tallahassee,

Was read the second time.

Mr. moved to waive the rules and that the memorial be put upon its passage;

Which was not agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 81:

To be entitled an act to regulate the service of writs in cases when the defendant resides or is found in a county other than in which the suit is brought,

Was read the second time.

Senate Bill No. 16:

To be entitled an act to make service upon Railroads and other Corporations and Companies therein mentioned,

Was read the second time.

Assembly bill No. 35:

To be entitled an act to regulate the carrying of concealed weapons,

Was read the second time.

Assembly Bill No. 137:

To be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Crescent City, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Crescent City, in Putnam county, valid and of full force and effect.

The amendments offered by the committee were adopted, and the bill as amended ordered engrossed.

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 Railroad Company, and to grant certain ferry privileges and lands to said company, approved February 28, 1881.

Mr. Mallory moved that the bill be recommitted;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baker moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which was not agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 80:

To be entitled an act to authorize Judges of Circuit Courts to bring suits,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Bryson moved to take up Senate Bill No. 57.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Delano, Landrum, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Pendleton, Proctor and Sammis—9.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Crill, Lee, Lesley, McKinne, Orman, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer and Whidden—12.

Which was not agreed to.

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.

The amendment of Mr. Stripling was not adopted.

Mr. McKinne moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Crill, Lee, Lesley, McKinne, Orman, Roberts and Sheppard—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Delano, Landrum, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Pendleton, Proctor, Sammis, Speer and Whidden—11.

So the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Baker moved the bill be made a special order, for February 12th, at 11 o'clock:

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Burnam, Chandler, Lee, Lesley, McKinne, Orman, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard and Whidden—11.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Crill, Delano, Landrum, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Pendleton, Sammis and Speer—10.

So the motion prevailed.

Mr. Proctor moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Mr. Chandler moved to allow Mr. Proctor to withdraw his motion;

Which was agreed to.

So the motion was withdrawn.

By leave Mr. Mallory introduced the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 137:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 3306, Laws of Florida, approved March 8, 1881, being an act entitled an act to have Harbor Masters of this State appointed by the Governor;

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

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn;

Which was not agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 126:

To be entitled an act to amend Sections 45 and 46 of an

act entitled an act for the government and collection of revenue, approved March 5, 1883.

The amendments offered by the committee were adopted.

Mr. Delano moved that Assembly Joint Resolution relating to the fixing of taxation on railroads be read;

Which was agreed to.

The resolution was read.

Mr. Delano moved to take the resolution from the table.

Mr. Baker moved that the roll be called;

Which was agreed to.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Chandler, Crill, Delano, Landrum, Lee, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard and Whidden—19.

A quorum present.

Mr. Lee moved that the Senate adjourn;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Lee, Lesley, McKinne, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer and Whidden—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Delano, Landrum, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Orman, Pendleton and Sammis—10.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Mallory moved that Senate Bill No. 126 be referred to the Engrossing Committee;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bryson moved to adjourn.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Lesley, McKinne, Sammis, Speer and Whidden—7.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Crill, Delano, Landrum, Lee, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Orman, Pendleton and Roberts—12.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Delano moved that the resolution be taken from the table and adopted.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Baker moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which was lost.

Mr. Chandler moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which was not agreed to.

Assembly Bill No. 76:

To be entitled an act to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to amend and supplementary to an act entitled an act

to provide for the more efficient collection of the revenue, approved February, 17, 1874,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Chandler moved that Mr. Proctor be excused on account of sickness ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Whidden moved to adjourn ;

Which was agreed to.

CONFIRMATIONS.

J. W. Payne, to be Collector of Revenue of Columbia county.

John Cates, to be Collector of Revenue of Lafayette county.

J. R. Richard, to be County Judge of Bradford county.

J. P. Grantham, to be Assessor of Taxes of Jefferson county.

W. C. Bird, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson county.

Henry F. York, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bradford county.

Warren A. Givens, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hillsborough county.

C. M. Knott, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sumter county.

Walter Tate, to be County Judge of Escambia county.

Hinton J. Baker, to be County Judge of Nassau county.

Joseph Price, to be Collector of Revenue of Putnam county.

W. J. Martin, to be Collector of Revenue of Hillsborough county.

John R. Sessions, to be Sheriff of Suwannee county.

J. C. Gardner, to be County Judge of Alachua county.

D. B. Bird, to be Sheriff of Jefferson county.

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WEDNESDAY, February 4, 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, Delano, Gaskins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lee, Lesley,

Mann, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling and Whidden 24.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

READING OF THE JOURNAL.

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

On motion Mr. Delano was added to the committee to examine into the contracts of the Internal Improvement Board.

Messrs. Mallory and Speer were appointed on the Joint Committee to confer with the Assembly Committee on the fixing of taxation on railroads.

The following bills were introduced :

By Mr. Delano :

Senate Bill No. 138 :

To be entitled an act to amend sections three, five, six and eight of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Orange Ridge, DeLand and Atlantic Railroad Company ;

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

By Mr. Bryson :

Senate Bill No. 139 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Live Oak and White Springs Railroad Company ;

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

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

Resolved, that a special committee of three be appointed to investigate the contract by which the convicts were leased for the present year, and that said committee be authorized to send for persons and papers ;

Which was adopted.

Messrs. McKinne, Orman and Stripling were appointed such committee.

Message from the Governor.

Mr. Baker offered the following memorial—

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Florida, in contemplation of the effect of the proposed Spanish-American Reciprocity Treaty now before Congress upon the people of the United States, believe that by its ratification many of the important industries of this, as well of the other states of the Union, will be seriously impaired ; and

WHEREAS, They believe that it is the policy of this country