

Mr. Baker moved the amendment recommended by the committee be laid on the table ;

Which was not agreed to.

On motion the amendment of the committee was then adopted.

Mr. Mallory moved to indefinitely postpone the bill ;

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Delano, Jones, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Sammis, Sheppard, Stripling and Williams—17.

Nays—Messrs. Hendricks, Martin, McKinne and Speer—4.

So the motion prevailed.

Mr. Delano moved the Senate adjourn ;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

CONFIRMATIONS.

J. D. Matherson, H. F. Dutton, W. W. Hampton, J. P. DePass, T. C. Lanier, H. W. Long and G. K. Broome, to be members of the Board of Education of the East Florida Seminary—Joseph C. Mathews, to be Assessor of Taxes for Marion county.

Robert Bullock, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion county.

B. F. Oliveros, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Johns county.

Thomas A. Carruth, to be County Judge of Hillsborough county.

J. W. Cobb, to be Assessor of Taxes for Baker county.

Sampson Tarrell, to be Sheriff of Hamilton county.

SATURDAY, February 7, 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, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Delano, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling and Williams—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.

A message from the Governor,

A message from the Assembly.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

The resolution in relation to the Spanish-American reciprocity treaty was read a second time.

Mr. Mountien moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Mr. McKinne in the chair.

Mr. Mallory moved as an amendment that the resolution be referred to a special committee composed of Messrs. Cottrell and Baker.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cottrell, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Jones, Landrum, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Sheppard, Speer, Stripling, Whidden and Williams—20.

Nays—Messrs. Baker and Bryson—2.

So the motion was agreed to, and the resolution so referred.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., February 6, 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 the following bills:

Assembly Bill No. 157, to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 1910, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to incorporate Brown's Theological Institute ; also,

Assembly Bill No. 215, to be entitled an act to fix the pay of the members, officers, and attaches of the Legislature of 1885.

Very respectfully,

W. H. REYNOLDS,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 6, 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. 33 :

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

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., February 6, 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. 72, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Apalachicola and Alabama Railroad Company and to grant certain lands to the same; also,

Assembly Bill No. 60, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Chattahoochee and Alabama Railroad and to aid the construction thereof; also,

Assembly Bill No. 66, to be entitled an act regulating the sale of beef under circumstances therein provided for; also,

Assembly Bill No. 154, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Wildwood, Lady Lake and Withlacoochee and Gulf Railway Company.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., February 7, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

Sir: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has had under consideration—

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

And has indefinitely postponed the further consideration of the same.

Also that the Assembly has passed—

Assembly Bill No. 209, to be entitled an act calling a Constitutional Convention, and providing for election of delegates to the same.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 6, 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—

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

AMENDMENTS TO No. 25.

Amendment to Sec. 2—After the words to "Leesburg, in Sumter county," insert "or to Eustis in Orange county, or to points or a point of connection with railroads or a railroad running from these places or from either of them."

Sec. 5—Strike out the word "on," the first word in the section, and insert "in."

Sec. 5—After the words "be taken or occupied," insert "except for making proper crossings for the same."

Section 9—After words "upon the filing," insert "with the said Board of Trustees by said Company, of the survey of the route which may be selected by said company, or any twenty miles thereof, the Trustees shall withdraw at the election of said company or its President, the odd or even numbered sections within such limits along or opposite to the route or section thereof of twenty miles so surveyed from sale: *Provided*, That the same shall be restored to sale by the Board, if the twenty miles so surveyed and filed is not completed in six months from the date of the survey and filing."

Sec. 10—After the words "Lake Jessup and Leesburg," insert "or to other points as provided in Section 2 of this act."

Sec. 13—Strike out all after the words, "the corporation herein created,"

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

Which was read.
Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 7, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

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

Acceded to the request of the Senate that the Assembly return Senate Bill No. 81, also Assembly Bill No. 107, for reconsideration, and herewith return the same.

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

Which was read.

Mr. Mallory moved to lay on the table his motion to reconsider the vote of the Senate on Senate Bill No. 107;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 60 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Chattahoochee and Alabama Railroad, and to aid the construction thereof,

Was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Assembly Bill No. 66 :

To be entitled an act regulating the sale of beef under circumstances therein provided for,

Was read and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Bill No. 154 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Wildwood, Lady Lake and Withlacoochee and Gulf Railroad Company,

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

Assembly Bill No. 157 :

To be entitled an act to amend Chapter 1910, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to incorporate Brown's Theological Institute,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Assembly Bill No. 209 :

To be entitled an act calling a Constitutional Convention and providing for election of delegates to the same,

Was read and referred to the Special Committee on Constitutional Revision.

Assembly Bill No. 215 :

To be entitled an act to fix the pay of the members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of 1885,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Legislative Expenses.

Senate Bill No. 85 :

To be entitled an act requiring collectors of revenue to pay into the State Treasury the one mill State school tax collected by them.

The Assembly indefinitely postponed the bill.

Senate Bill No. 72 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Apalachicola and Alabama Railroad Company, and to grant certain lands to the same,

Was ordered to be enrolled.

Senate Bill No. 25 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Midland Railway Company.

Amendments of Assembly to the bill were concurred in by the Senate.

The bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 7, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

SIR: You Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 149, to be entitled an act to change the time of holding circuit courts in the sixth judicial circuit,

Beg leave to report that they have returned the same to the Secretary, properly engrossed as required by order of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. McKinne moved to lay on the table Mr. Bryson's motion to reconsider the vote of the Senate on Senate Bill No. 81.

By leave Mr. McKinne withdrew motion.

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

WHEREAS, It is impossible for the committee appointed to investigate the contracts of the Internal Improvement Fund to complete their labors and report to this session of the Legislature; therefore, be it

Resolved, That said committee be and they are hereby authorized and required to continue their labors in this matter, and report their findings to the next session of the Legislature; that as soon as the investigations are completed the report of the committee and their findings shall be published by the Secretary of State, and he shall mail to each member of this Legislature a copy.

Mr. Mallory offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee composed of Senator J. T. Lesley of the Thirtieth District, and Senator J. W. Whidden of the Twenty-seventh District, and Senator A. S. Mann of the Twenty-second District, be, and is hereby authorized to investigate the matter of the lands alleged to have been drained by the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company, and to employ such aid as may, in their judgment, be necessary therefor, at an expense not exceeding five hundred dollars, and report the result of their investigations to the next session of this body,

And moved its adoption.

Mr. Landrum moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until 10:30 o'clock Monday morning next;

Which was agreed to.

By leave the following report was made by Mr. Mann:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 7, 1885.

HON. MILTON H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 108, to be entitled an act authorizing the Governor to appoint a committee to investigate and ascertain what quantity of land and number of acres the Atlantic and Gulf Canal and Okeechobee Land Company have reclaimed for the State and for other purposes,

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

Very respectfully,

A. S. MANN, Chairman.
WM. BRYSON,
Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Speer, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 7, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
Assembly Bill No. 88, to be entitled an act for the relief of R. F. Hosford, of Liberty County, Fla.,
Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. G. SPEER,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Landrum moved that 150 copies of Senate Bill No. 108 be printed;

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Assembly Bill No. 173:

To be entitled an act to continue and extend the charter of the Green Cove and Melrose Railroad Company, and to preserve and extend its land grant,

Was read the second time.

The Amendments recommended by the committee were adopted.

Mr. Gaskins offered the following amendment:

Strike out "ten miles" and insert "twenty miles," in Section 2;

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 141:

To be entitled an act to define the corporate boundaries of the town of Green Cove Spring.

Mr. Hendricks offered the following amendment:

Section 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed;

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Mr. McKinne, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors were opened.

Mr. Stripling moved to adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

AFTERNOON SESSION—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

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, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lesley, Mann, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Speer, Stripling and Williams—23

A quorum present.

Mr. Hendricks, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 7, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 33, to be entitled an act to supply the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1884; also, 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 examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

S. M. HENDRICKS,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

The President and Secretary of the Senate then signed the foregoing enrolled Bills.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Assembly Bill No. 48:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Charles Anderson, of Marion county,

Was read the second time.

Assembly Bill No. 20:

To be entitled an act to amend section 2 of an act to provide for the relief of the City of Pensacola,

Was read the second time.

Senate Bill No. 146:

To be entitled an act to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to dissolve municipal corporations under circumstances

therein stated, and to provide provisional government for the same, approved January 28, 1855, and to repeal the eighth section of that act,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Baker moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bryson moved to make the bill a special order for 8 o'clock to-night;

Which was agreed to.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 7, 1885.

HON. MILTON H. MABRY,

President of the Senate :

Sir: Your Committee on Corporations to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 97, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua Drainage and Reclamation Company,

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DELANO,

Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

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

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 154:

To be entitled an act to provide for the issue of bonds in exchange for the bonds of the State of Florida belonging to the Common School Fund and Seminary Fund and Agricultural College Fund of this State,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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.

The amendments recommended by the committee were adopted.

On motion the rules were waived, and the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Speer, Stripling and Whidden—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

On motion of Mr. Mallory the bill was referred to the Engrossing Committee, and then to be returned to the Secretary to be certified to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 128:

To be entitled an act to indemnify the St. Johns and Halifax River Railroad Company,

Was read the second time and amendments of the committee adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

A message from the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 153:

To be entitled an act to suppress gaming.

Mr. Martin moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 145:

To be entitled an act to give laborers engaged in loading or unloading vessels, ships or other water craft, in this State, a first lien on such vessels, ships or other water craft, for the wages earned by them by loading or unloading the same,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Assembly Bill No. 88:

To be entitled an act for the relief of R. S. Hosford, of Liberty county, Fla.

Mr. Whidden moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Chandler moved that the bill be recommitted;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hendricks, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 7, 1885.

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 33, to be entitled an act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1884; also,

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 presented the same to the Governor for his consideration.

Very respectfully,

S. M. HENDRICKS,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., Feb. 7, 1885. }

HON. M. H. MABRY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I have this day signed the following acts which originated in the Senate, to-wit:

"An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1884.

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.

And have deposited the same in the office of the Secretary of State.

Very respectfully,

E. A. PERRY.

Which was read.

Senate Bill No. 143:

To be entitled an act to prevent excessive rates of tariff over any telegraph or cable company within the State of Florida,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Chandler moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Mr. Delano moved to make the bill the special order for 10 o'clock Monday next;

Which was not agreed to.

Upon motion to indefinitely postpone the bill, motion was not agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Chandler moved that the Senate adjourn.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cole, Delano, Hankins, Martin, Mountien, Proctor, Stripling and Williams—10.

Nays—Messrs. Gaskins, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mal-

lory, Mann, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Speer and Whidden—11.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McKinne moved to take from the table Senate Bill No. 61;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinne moved to adjourn until 8 o'clock.

Mr. Chandler moved to adjourn.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cottrell, Hankins, Mann, Martin, Mountien, Proctor and Stripling—9.

Nays—Messrs. Cole, Delano, Gaskins, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, McKinne, Orman, Pendleton, Speer, Whidden and Williams—12.

Which was not agreed to.

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

Which was agreed to.

HALF-PAST SEVEN 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, Cole, Gaskins, Hendricks, Jones, Lesley, Mountien, McKinne, Pendleton, Roberts, Speer and Whidden—13.

A quorum not present.

Mr. Baker moved a call of the house;

Which was agreed to.

The roll was called and the following Senators were absent:

Messrs. Bryson, Burnam, Cottrell, Delano, Mallory, Mann, Martin, Neel, Orman, Proctor, Sammis, Sheppard, Stripling and Williams—14.

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

Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cole, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Martin, Mountien, McKinne, Pendleton, Proctor, Roberts, Speer and Whidden—18.

A quorum present.

On motion further proceedings under the call of the house was dispensed with.

Senate Bill No. 61:

To be entitled an act in relation to railroads in this State

and to provide a remedy for railroads which have been deteriorated, and to appoint a receiver,

Was read.

Mr. Lesley offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 61:

Strike out the words "thirty days" in section 11 and insert six months;

And moved its adoption.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lesley offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 61:

Strike "thirty days" in Section 2, line 2, and insert "six months," and moved its adoption;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 61:

In line 2 of the amendment strike out "two hundred," and moved its adoption:

The President in the chair.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY--8 O'CLOCK P. M.

Senate Bill No. 146:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 9 of an act entitled an act to dissolve municipal corporations under circumstances therein stated, and to provide a provisional government for the same, approved January 28, 1855, and to repeal the 8th Section of that act,

Was read.

Mr. Chandler moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Delano, Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Mallory, McKinne, Roberts, Speer and Whidden—9.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Landrum, Martin, Mountien and Proctor—8.

So the motion was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stripling moved that the Senate adjourn.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Delano, Mann, Martin, Mountien, Proctor, Roberts, Stripling and Whidden—12.

Nays—Messrs. Gaskins, Hankins, Hendricks, Jones, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, McKinne and Speer—9.

So the motion prevailed.

Whereupon the Senate adjourned.