

## JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Of the Second Regular Session of the Legislature, under the Constitution of A. D. 1885, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, on Tuesday, the second day of April, A. D. 1889, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for the meeting of the Legislature.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2d, 1889.

The Senate met at 12 M. and was called to order by Senator Houston, the former President.

Former Secretary, Charles A. Finley, called the roll of Senators from the certified copy furnished by the Secretary of State and the following answered to their names :

Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Houston, Jenkins, Kirk, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Smith, Stapleton, Swearingen, Tompkins, Tuten, Wall, Wilkinson and Yancy—25.

A quorum present.

The President then announced the Senate ready to effect their organization.

Mr. Rogers nominated Mr. J. B. Wall for permanent President.

Mr. Yancey seconded the nomination and moved that Mr. Wall be elected by acclamation.

Which was agreed to, and Mr. Wall elected by acclamation.

The President appointed Messrs. Hammond, Bryant and Jenkins a committee to conduct Mr. Wall to the chair.

Mr. Wall took the chair with appropriate remarks.

The election of President pro tempore being next in order, Mr. Rogers nominated Mr. B. F. Kirk, of Hernando.

Mr. Yancey seconded the nomination and moved that his election be made unanimous;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Rogers nominated Hon. C. A. Finley for Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Hammond seconded the nomination and moved that the nomination be made unanimous;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Rogers nominated Colonel John P. Cobb as Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Kirk seconded the nomination and moved to make his election unanimous;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Rogers made the following nominations :

R. Y. Walden, Reading Secretary.  
G. A. Baltzell, Recording Secretary.  
A. C. Brinkley, Engrossing Secretary.  
L. E. Roberson, Enrolling Secretary.  
W. J. Smith, Sergeant-at-Arms.  
E. H. Dennard, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.  
L. B. Mickler, Messenger.  
Fred. Sykes Stringer, Assistant Messenger.  
F. E. Richardson, Doorkeeper.  
Eugene Hawkins, Janitor.  
Mahone Lynch, Assistant Janitor.  
Rev. Samuel Woodbury, Chaplain.  
W. R. Coulter, A. M. Lovelace, H. J. Brett, Pages.

Mr. Dunn seconded the nominations and moved that they be elected by acclamation;

Which was agreed to, and they were unanimously elected.

Charles A. Finley was then sworn in as Secretary by Senator Dunn, who was duly authorized to administer oaths.

Secretary Finley then administered the oath of office to the following attaches, to-wit:

John P. Cobb, Assistant Secretary.  
R. Y. Walden, Reading Secretary.  
G. A. Baltzell, Recording Secretary.  
L. E. Roberson, Enrolling Secretary.  
W. J. Smith, Sergeant-at-Arms.  
E. H. Dennard, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.  
F. L. Stringer, Assistant Messenger.  
F. E. Richardson, Doorkeeper.

Mr. Hammond moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the Senate is organized and ready to proceed to business;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Hammond, Coulter and Bryant appointed said committee.

Mr. Kirk offered

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1:

Relating to appointment of a committee of both Houses to investigate the Treasurer's and Comptroller's accounts and books.

Mr. Yancey offered

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

Relating to appointment of a committee to examine the Comptroller's and Treasurer's books.

Mr. Rosborough offered Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3, relating to examination of the records and accounts of the Land Office.

Mr. Yancey moved that the standing rules of the last session be adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by changing section 4 as follows:

Amend rule 4 in line 3 by striking "three" and inserting "five," so as to make said rule comport with section 12 of article 6 of the Constitution;

Which was agreed to, and the rules of last session, as amended, adopted.

Mr. Hammond, chairman of the committee to notify the Governor of the Senate's organization, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 2, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

DEAR SIR: Your committee appointed to notify the Governor of the Senate's organization report that they have performed that duty, and beg to be discharged.

E. M. HAMMOND,  
W. R. COULTER,  
J. W. BRYANT,  
Committee.

Which was received and committee discharged.

Mr. Swearingen moved that a committee be appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is now organized and ready to proceed to business;

Which was agreed to.

Messrs. Swearingen, Randell and Dunn were appointed said committee.

The committee to notify the House reported that they had discharged their duty and asked to be discharged;

Which report was received and committee discharged.

Mr. Tuten was excused from attendance until the 9th inst.

A committee from the House appeared and notified the Senate that the House of Representatives had organized and were now ready for business.

Mr. Yancey moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate stood so adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, April 3d, 1889.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

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

Messrs. Bailey, of 22d, Bielby, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hendry, Hind, Houstoun, Jenkins, Kirk, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Smith, Stapleton, Swearingen, Tompkins, Wilkinson and Yancey—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Journal of the preceding day.

Mr. Hind moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bielby moved that Hon. B. B. Blackwell and Hon. J. H. McKinne, former members of the Senate, Mr. Cason, a former member of the House, and Mr. Hawthorne, of the Times-Union, be admitted within the bar of the Senate ;

Which was agreed to.

The Journal was approved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Rosborough :

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, relating to an investigation of the land office.

By Mr. Hind :

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5, relating to an inspection of the Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institute.

By Mr. Crosby :

Senate Resolution No. 6, relating to amending the standing rules of the Senate.

Mr. Bielby moved that Senate Resolution No. 6, relating to amending the Senate rules, go over under the rules until to-morrow ;

Which was agreed to.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Coulter :

Senate Bill No. 1 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the working and maintaining of the public roads and bridges in this State and for creating of the office of Superintendent of Public Roads,

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

Mr. Bielby moved that all bills introduced to-day be read the first time by their title only ;

Which was agreed to.

By Mr. Coulter :

Senate Bill No. 2 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the forfeiture of certain lands heretofore granted by the State of Florida for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads and cutting canals,

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

By Mr. Hind :

Senate Bill No. 3 :

To be entitled an act to regulate the sale and manufacture of fertilizers in this State,

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

A message was received from the Governor.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, relating to the appointment of a committee of both Houses to investigate the Treasurer's and Comptroller's accounts and books, was read as follows :

*Resolved*, That a committee of two from the Senate be appointed to act with a similar committee to be appointed by the House of Representatives, to examine the Comptroller's and Treasurer's books, and employ such clerical aid as may be necessary.

Mr. Kirk moved the adoption of the resolution ;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was read as follows :

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*, That a joint committee of two from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to examine the records and status of