

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 9, 1889.

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Bill No. 160 :

A bill to be entitled an act to define the duty of inspectors of timber in the State of Florida, and to declare a standard rule of inspection and to impose penalties for wilful failure to make correct reports of amounts of timber inspected and for selling or buying timber by any other than by said standard rule ;

Also,

House Bill 113 :

An act to prevent the introduction into this State of the so-called cottoony cushion scale,

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and report them favorably.

Very respectfully,

R. F. ROGERS,
Chairman Committee.

By unanimous consent—

Senate Bill No. 118 :

To be entitled an act in relation to the land grant of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, and prescribing the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in relation thereto, the right of settlement thereon, and the specifications for the construction of its waterways and the time of its completion from Saint Augustine to Biscayne Bay,

Was called from the calendar out of its regular order, and read the third time and put upon its passage.

Mr. Swearingen in the chair.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 118 the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey 22d District, Bailey 16th District Bielby, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Hind, Houston, Jenkins Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith Swearingen, Tompkins and Tuten—18.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 118 :

Passed, title as stated.

At his request, Mr. Kirk was excused from voting on the passage of—

Senate Bill No. 118.

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

Which was agreed to.

The Senate stood so adjourned.

FRIDAY, MAY 10th, 1889.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bielby, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hendry, Hind, Houston, Jenkins, Kirk, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Smith, Swearingen, Tuten, Wilkinson and Yancey—23.

No quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

The President announced that he was about to sign the following bill :

An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the reorganization of the city of Fernandina, approved May 31, 1887 ;

Which was signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Wall :

Senate Bill No. 176 :

To be entitled an act providing for the creation of a Board of Public Works for the city of Tampa, Florida, and prescribing its powers and duties ;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Wall :

Senate Bill No. 177 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 2 of an act entitled an act to abolish the corporations of the towns of Tampa and North Tampa, to provide a municipal government for the city of Tampa and to define the boundaries thereof, approved June 2, 1887 ;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Bielby :
Senate Bill No. 178:

To be entitled an act to Legalize the incorporation of the town of Seville, in the county of Volusia, and to declare legal and binding the acts of its officials ;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to Committee on City and County Organizations.

By Mr. Coulter :
Senate Bill No. 179:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled "an act in relation to issuing marriage licenses and the record thereof," approved May 27th, 1887 ;

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

By Mr. King :
Senate Bill No. 180 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act, approved March 1st, 1883, chapter 3446 ;

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

By Mr. Rogers :
Senate Bill No. 181 :

To be entitled an act to establish and maintain a State prison and to provide for the employment of persons convicted of crime and sentenced to the State prison, and for the custody, maintainance and discipline of such persons, and for other things ;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to Committee on Agriculture and 200 copies ordered to be printed ;

Also,
Senate Bill No. 182 :

To be entitled an act making appropriations to the State Agricultural College ;

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

Page Willie Coulter was excused for the day.

Mr. Coulter, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 9th, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Memorial to Congress for a plant of young shad in the Suwannee River,

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

Very respectfully,

W. R. COULTER,
Chairman Committee.

Mr. Rogers, Chairman of Joint Committee to Visit Convict Camp, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 10, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR : Your Joint Committee, appointed to visit and inspect the State Prison, respectfully report that they find the following number of convicts on hand and received :

Year.	No. on hand and received.	Escapes.	Deaths.	Discharges.
1887	478	12	5	124
1888.....	499	6	7	167
1889 (April 1st).....	68	1	54
Received 1888 and 1889.....	567	7	7	235

Total number now on hand, 332.

Of this number we find 324 males—42 white and 282 colored; 8 females—1 white and 7 colored.

We find the prisoners kept in wooden stockades and worked in a turpentine farm under the contract of C. K. Dutton.

We find the prisoners kept in two (2) camps, designated respectively as Camp Seymore and Cypress Lake Camp.

The prisoners at Camp Seymore are under the management of Captain W. J. Hillman, and look bright and cheerful, which bore evidences of humane treatment. The camp was neat, clean, in good sanitary condition and well supplied with water.

Cypress Lake Camp was under the management of Captain C. P. Jolly. The prisoners at this camp seemed, from appearances, to have been overworked and cruelly treated. The condition of this camp was neat, clean and in good sanitary condition, but not as well supplied with water as Camp Seymore.

The prisoners are disciplined by being whipped upon their bare back with a heavy leather strap about one and one-half (1 and $\frac{1}{2}$) inches wide and about two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) feet long, one-half of which was three ply and riveted together with copper brads. From the best information that we could gather from the guards and prisoners, the chastisement is sometimes inhuman and unnecessarily severe. Especially is this the case at the last named camp.

The guards are instructed by the managers to shoot the prisoners should any attempt to escape. During this year, one white man, namely, W. H. Willingham, while attempting to walk off and make his escape with a sixty-pound iron ball attached to him, was shot with a 44-calibre rifle, by one Hughes, a prison guard, under order of Captain C. P. Jolly, and dangerously wounded. Such treatment as this, to a life-sentenced prisoner, we consider inhuman and wholly unwarranted.

We found the prisoners well fed as to quantity and well clothed. Their food consists of white bacon, field peas, and corn bread.

Your committee beg to make the following recommendations:

That the shooting of W. H. Willingham be investigated by the authorities of Suwannee county.

Your committee having made special investigation of the Sarasota convicts, earnestly recommend them to the mercy and sympathy of the people of the State of Florida, and would ask that the pardoning board of the State of Florida give their petitions for pardon favorable consideration.

The contract under which the prisoners are now kept expires December 31, 1889, and unless a new contract is made to embrace all State prisoners, which is not at all probable, the State will, in January, 1890, have on hand a large number of prisoners, for which it can furnish no profitable or even self-sustaining employment, and no place for their confinement.

Your committee would therefore make the following recommendations:

That a permanent State prison be established, and in connection therewith a farm on which invalids and those not otherwise employed can be made self-sustaining;

That the able-bodied convicts should be farmed out in small or large bodies as may be found to be to the best interest of the State by the Board of Commissioners on State Institutions;

That the white and colored prisoners should be kept in different cells;

That a house of correction for juvenile offenders is of the most urgent importance, *i. e.*, for those under sixteen years of age; and

That as a matter of economy to the State, convicts for shorter terms than twelve months should not be sent to the State prison, but employed in the counties in which they are convicted.

In pursuance of these recommendations, your joint committee have prepared a bill and unanimously recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT F. ROGERS,
Chairman.

J. D. TUTEN,
Z. KING,

Joint Senate Committee.

JAMES LAYNE,
Chairman.

GABRIEL SMITH,
ASA MCNEIL,

I. F. HART,
Joint House Committee.

And moved that it be spread upon the Journal without its being read;

Which was agreed to, and it was so ordered.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 115:

To be entitled an act to provide for the payment of a per diem to persons assisting sheriffs, deputies or constables in the execution of their offices,

Was read the second time and passed to its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 117:

To be entitled an act to amend section five of an act regulating conveyances of real estate and personal property and the recording thereof, approved November 15th, 1828,

Was read the second time and passed to its third reading.

Hon. S. M. Sparkman, of Tampa, was invited within the bar of the Senate.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Wall introduced—

Senate Bill No. 183:

To be entitled an act to amend section 112 of an act approved November 23, 1829, being chapter 162, Laws of Florida;

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

House Bill No. 104:

To amend an act in relation to fees of various officers, approved May 31, 1887,

Was read the second time and passed to its third reading.

By Mr. Smith:

Senate Bill No. 60:

To be entitled an act for better regulating the record of deeds and making abstracts therefrom,

Was passed over informally.

House Bill No. 93:

An act to fix the compensation of jurors and witnesses serving in the courts of this State,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Wall offered the following amendment:

Amend section 1 by striking out all after the word "court," in 16th line, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Fifty cents per day for each day's actual attendance upon such court."

Mr. Wall moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to,

And the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Wall offered the following amendment:

Amend section 2, line 11, by striking out all after the word "each" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "day's attendance upon such court;"

Mr. Wall moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to,

And the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dismukes offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out the words "Two dollars," in line 27, section 1, and insert one dollar and fifty cents."

Mr. King moved that the amendment be adopted.

The amendment was withdrawn by Mr. Dismukes, and House Bill No. 63:

Was ordered to be engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Mr. Tuten, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 10, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 161:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of I. W. Newman, of Suwannee County;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 163:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of J. E. Perry, of Suwannee County,

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

Very respectfully,

J. D. TUTEN,

Chairman Committee.

Mr. Bryant, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 10, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 165 :

An act to establish a criminal court of record in the county of Lake,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find that it has been correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. W. BRYANT,

Acting Chairman Committee.

Mr. Randell, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 10, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

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

House Bill No. 194 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the payment of a capitation or poll tax as a prerequisite for voting, and prescribing the duties of Tax Collectors and Supervisors of Registration in relation thereto,

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

Very respectfully,

THEODORE RANDELL,

Chairman Committee.

Mr. Latham, Chairman of Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 10, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to

report that they have submitted to the Governor for his consideration, an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the reorganization of the city of Fernandina, approved May 31st, 1887.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

Senate Bill No. 166 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the sale, redemption, cancellation and settlement of tax sale certificates of lands sold to the State for taxes, and authorizing the Comptroller to refund the amount paid for the certificates upon lands when the assessment was double or taxes paid,

Being the special order for 10:30 o'clock A. M., and that hour having arrived, it was read the second time.

Mr. Rogers offered the following amendment :

In line 13, section 5, after word "commissioner," strike out "will" and insert in lieu "shall ;"

Which was agreed to,

And the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dismukes offered the following amendment :

Amend by adding the following section :

SEC. 6. This act to go into effect upon its approval by the Governor ;

Which was adopted.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Rogers offered the following amendment :

In line 3, section 2, strike out "with eight per cent. interest per annum ;"

Which was withdrawn by Mr. Rogers, and Senate Bill No. 166 was ordered to be engrossed and passed to its third reading.

The hour of 11 o'clock A. M. having arrived, and

Senate Bill No. 100 :

Entitled "An act to promote and encourage the culture of oysters, and the industry of oyster farming, and to protect persons engaged in the same,"

Being the special order, it was called from the calendar for consideration and was read the second time.

Mr. Bielby moved that the bill be considered by sections ;

Which was agreed to and section one was read.

Mr. Dismukes offered the following amendment :

Amend by inserting in line 4, section 1, after the word "clams," the word "turtles;"

Which was accepted by the Joint Committee on Fisheries and adopted.

Section two was read together with the Committee amendment.

Mr. Bielby moved that the committee amendment be adopted as amended,

Which was agreed to,

And the committee amendment as amended was adopted.

Section 3 was read.

Section 4 was read.

Section 5 was read.

Section 6 was read.

Mr. Yancey offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after word "shellfish" in line 2 of section 6;

Which was accepted by the committee and adopted.

Section 7 was read, together with the committee amendment, and the committee amendment thereto was adopted.

Mr. Bielby offered the following amendment:

"Nor shall it apply to oysters taken for home consumption and not for sale;"

Which was accepted by the committee and adopted.

Section 8 was read.

Section 9 was read, together with the committee amendments, and the committee amendments were adopted.

Section 10 was read, together with committee amendments. The committee amendments were adopted.

Section 11 was read, with committee amendments. The committee amendments were adopted.

Section 12, as recommended by the committee, was adopted.

Section 13 was read, as recommended by the committee, and adopted.

Section 14 was read, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading.

By unanimous consent—

Senate Bill No. 139:

An act to prescribe the manner of paying jurors and State witnesses, and to repeal chapter 3108 of the Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to prescribe the manner of payments of jurors and State witnesses, approved March 8, 1879,

Was taken from its regular order on the calendar and was read the second time.

Mr. Dismukes offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out in section 4, line 7, printed bill, after the word "and" all to the word "he," in line 9.

Mr. Dismukes moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was not agreed to.

So the amendment was lost and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading.

By unanimous consent—

Senate Bill No. 109:

To be entitled an act to establish a municipal government for the city of Ocala, and to determine its boundaries and prescribe its corporate powers and jurisdiction, and to abolish its existing charter,

Was called from the calendar out of its regular order and was read the second time by its title.

Mr. Dunn offered a substitute for Senate Bill No. 109;

Which was read.

The attention of the President was called to the fact that there was no quorum present.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bryant, Crosby, Dunn, Hendry, Houstoun, Jenkins, Kirk, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Smith and Swearingen—16.

No quorum present.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to bring in absentees.

Mr. Bielby, who had been absent on committee work, returned and constituted a quorum.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the Substitute for Senate Bill No. 109 was adopted in lieu of the original bill, and was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading.

Mr. Yancey moved that the Senate take a recess until 4 o'clock P. M.;

Which was agreed to.

So the Senate took a recess.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey 22d District, Bielby, Bryant,

Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hind, Houstoun, Kirk, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Smith, Swearingen, Tuten and Wilkinson—21.

A quorum present.

By unanimous consent Mr. Rogers was permitted to amend the enacting clause of Senate Bill No. 162 as follows:

Mr. Rogers asked unanimous consent of the Senate to amend, by inserting, the enacting clause of Senate Bill No. 162, which had passed to its second reading;

Which was granted.

By permission Mr. Smith introduced—
Senate Bill No. 184:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By permission, Mr. Wilkinson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 10, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 151:

A bill to be entitled an act for the incorporation of banking associations, and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 136:

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Johns River, Lake Weir and Gulf Railroad Company, being chapter 3808, Laws of Florida, approved June 7, 1887;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 138:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Baylen Street Wharf Company and to confer powers thereupon;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 112:

To be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Orange City in the county of Volusia, and to declare

the incorporation of the town of Orange City valid and of full force and effect;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 102:

Entitled an act to extend and enlarge the powers and duties of the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Florida, appointed under chapter 3746 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 7, 1887;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 142:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the appointment and to prescribe the duties of a Public Examiner for the State of Florida;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 149:

Entitled an act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the county of Marion;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 111:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 24, chapter 69, of McClellan's Digest of the Laws of Florida;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 72:

"A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 3124, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to allow married women to testify in all civil cases where their husbands are parties and not disqualified;"

Also,

Senate Bill No. 75:

Entitled an act to amend an act for the better protection of animals running at large;

Also,

Senate Amendments to House Memorial to Congress, Asking for a mail route from Madison, in Madison county, to Horse Shoe Bay, in Lafayette county, Florida,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find them to be correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

JOHN WILKINSON,
Chairman Committee.

By unanimous consent—

Senate Bill No. 151:

To be entitled an act for the incorporation of banking associations, and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities, Was made the special order for 5 o'clock P. M.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

By permission, Mr. Bryant introduced—

Senate Bill No. 185 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of L. S. Oppenheimer, of Polk county, Florida ;

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

By unanimous consent—

Senate Bill No. 69 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the admission from other States of the United States of companies or associations carrying on the business of life or casualty insurance on the assessment or mutual premium plan,

Was taken from the calendar out of its regular order and was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Houstoun the rules were further waived by a two-third vote and Senate Bill No. 69 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 69,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bielby, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hendry, Houstoun, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Smith, Swearingen, Tuten and Wilkinson—20.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 69 passed, title as stated.

By unanimous consent Mr. Parkhill was allowed to amend—
Senate Bill No. 108 :

By inserting the word " receive," between the words " shall" and " for."

By unanimous consent—

House Bill No. 129 :

An act relating to bonds in cases of writs of attachment and replevin,

Was taken from the calendar, out of its regular order, and was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of—

Senate Bill No. 129,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey 22d District, Bielby, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hendry, Houstoun,

King, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Smith and Tuten—17.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 129,

Passed, title as stated.

By unanimous consent—

Senate Bill No. 112 :

To be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Orange City, in the county of Volusia, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Orange City valid and of free force and effect,

Was taken from the calendar out of its regular order, and was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 112, the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d, Bielby, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hendry, Hind, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Smith, Swearingen and Tuten—19.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 112 passed, title as stated.

Senator Pasco was invited within the bar of the Senate.

By unanimous consent—

Senate Bill No. 136 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Johns River, Lake Weir and Gulf Railroad Company, being chapter 3803, Laws of Florida, approved June 7th, 1887,

Was taken from the calendar out of its order, and was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 136,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hendry, Hind, Kirk, King, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Smith, Swearingen, Tuten and Wilkinson—19.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 136 passed, title as stated, and was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives at once.

It was so certified.

By unanimous consent—

Senate Bill No. 111 :

To be entitled an act to amend section 24, chapter 69, of the Laws of Florida,

Was taken from the calendar out of its regular order and was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 111,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bielby, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hendry, Hind, Houston, Kirk, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Smith, Tompkins, Tuten and Wilkinson—20.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 111 passed, title amended by unanimous consent to read as follows :

To be entitled an act to amend section 5, chapter 1470, act of January 12th, 1866, Laws of Florida.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent Senate Bill No. 151 :

To be entitled an act for the incorporation of banking associations, and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities, Was made the special order for 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Messrs. Rogers and Randell were excused until Monday morning.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was also excused until Monday morning.

Page Archie Lovelace was excused for the evening.

Mr. Yancey was excused on account of sickness.

Mr. Bailey 22d District was excused until Monday morning.

By unanimous consent, Senate Bill No. 149 :

An act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the County of Marion,

Was taken from the calendar out of its regular order and read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 149,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bielby, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hendry, Hind, Houston, Jenkins, Kirk, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Smith, Swearingen, Tuten and Wilkinson—21.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 149 passed, title as stated, and was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives at once. It was so certified.

By unanimous consent messages from the House of Representatives were taken up for consideration, and the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 10, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a resolution inviting the Senate to attend, in the hall of the House of Representatives, an address to be delivered by United States Senator Pasco, at 5 o'clock this evening.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 10th, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 31 :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for levies upon and sale of stock in corporations ;

Also,

House Bill No. 127 :

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the time for holding the Circuit Court in the counties of Hamilton, Suwannee, Columbia and Lafayette, in the Third Judicial Circuit ;

Also,

House Bill No. 120 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace and judgments of Justices' Courts ;

Also,

House Bill No. 174 :

Entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Florida, approved February 10, 1838 ; approved February 1, 1881,

And ask concurrence of Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 10, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 85:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating assignments for benefit of creditors,
And respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 10, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 4:

To be entitled an act to establish a Bureau of Agriculture in the State of Florida, and to define the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 127:

An act fixing the time for holding the Circuit Court in the counties of Hamilton, Suwannee, Columbia and Lafayette, in the Third Judicial Circuit,

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

House Bill No. 120:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace and judgments of Justices' courts,

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

House Bill No. 174:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, approved February 10, 1838; approved February 1, 1881,

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

House Bill No. 85:

An act regulating assignments for benefit of creditors,

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

Mr. Pirrong moved that Senate Resolution No. 23, with message from the Governor regarding it, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Which was unanimously agreed to, and

Senate Resolution No. 23 was so referred.

Senate Bill No. 96:

To be entitled an act to amend section 1, chapter 3253 of the Laws of Florida, relating to the fees of notaries public;

Also,

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 4:

To be entitled an act to establish a Bureau of Agriculture in the State of Florida, and to define the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture,

Were ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. King moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate stood so adjourned.

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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1889.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Crosby, Dunn, Houston,