

gress, approved August 5, 1861," in full satisfaction of the claim of the State of Florida, and to authorize the Governor to pay claimants under said act.

Also,

An act entitled an act to continue the rights, privileges, powers, franchises and grants of the Suwannee and Gulf Railroad Company, and to extend the the time for the completion of the same,

Were signed by the Hon Jeff B. Browne, President, and C. A. Finley, Secretary of the Senate, and the same returned to Mr. Borden, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, for presentation to the Governor.

Mr. McKinne moved that the Senatø do now go into executive session;

Which was agreed to, and at 12:30 o'clock the Senate was cleared and the doors closed.

At 12:40 o'clock the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Kirk, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, May 26, 1891.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

County Commissioners for Holmes county: W. D. Williams, J. R. Herring, Jonah Shy, J. B. Williams and J. W. Hathaway.

County Commissioners for Washington county: Walter W. Miller, A. W. Weeks, Greenwood Worthington, Wm. B. Gainer and J. H. Hamilton.

County Commissioners for Clay county: J. E. Low, Edmond N. Holt, Henry B. Hudson, V. I. Prevatt and Wm. H. Wilson.

TUESDAY, May 26, 1891.

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. Broome, Bryant, Calhoun, Coulter, Crosby, Pirrong, Rosborough, Smith of 30th, Summers, Swearingen, Thomas, Wadsworth, Wolfe and Yancey—15.

No quorum present.

The President directed the members present to rise for prayer.

Prayer by the Rev. E. J. Holmes.

The President directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to take proper measures to compel the attendance of absentees and also to employ an assistant if he was unable to discharge his duties.

Mr. Sumners moved that Napoleon B. Broward and G. D. Bryan be elected as Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms of the Senate to assist the Sergeant-at-Arms in the discharge of this duty;

Which was agreed to and so ordered. Mr. Broward being present was duly sworn in as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Bryant afterwards appeared and was also duly sworn in as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Mr. Wolfe, Mr. J. D. Bryan was elected an additional Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Bryan appeared at the President's desk and was duly sworn in as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

The President announced that the hour of 12 M. had arrived and the members of the Senate present would now proceed to the House of Representatives' hall.

Whereupon, no absentees having returned to the Senate Chamber, or having been brought therein by the Sergeant-at-Arms, the fifteen members of the Senate present proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives.

TWELVE O'CLOCK M.

JOINT SESSION, May 26, 1891.

At 12 o'clock the President of the Senate and fourteen other Senators entered the hall of the House of Representatives and were received by the House.

President Browne in the chair.

The President ordered the Secretary of the Senate to call the roll of the Senate.

Upon call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Broome, Bryant, Calhoun, Coulter, Crosby, Pirrong, Rosborough, Smith of 30th, Summers, Swearingen, Thomas, Wadsworth, Wolfe and Yancey—15.

By request of the President, the Speaker of the House ordered the roll of the House called.

Upon call of the roll the following members answered to their names:

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bates, Berry, Bethel, Beville, Blich of Levy, Bogue, Brown, Buford, Canty, Carleton, Carson, Clark, Dimick, Dykes, Goode, Haddock, Hicks, High, Hutchinson, Johns, King, Lavender, McCaskill, Monroe, Morgan, Morris, Overstreet, Peacock, Pittman, Priest, Rye, Saulsbury, Stapler, Summerlin, Thompson, Usina, Vann and Wilson—39.

Total number of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives present in joint session—54.

The Chair announced that a majority of all the members elected to both houses of the Legislature being present, a quorum was present and ready to proceed to business.

Upon this announcement by the chair Mr. Dougherty appealed from the decision of the chair.

The Chair put the question "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

Which was agreed to, and the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Wolfe moved that the reading of the Journals of the Senate and House in joint session, held May 25, 1891, be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

There being no corrections the Journals were declared approved.

Mr. Bogue moved that the joint session proceed to vote for United States Senator;

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

The vote of Senate was:

For Wilkinson Call—Mr. President, Messrs. Broome, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Pirrong, Rosborough, Smith of 30th, Summers, Swearingen, Thomas, Wadsworth, Wolfe and Yancey—14.

Upon call of the roll Mr. Calhoun stated that he was paired with Mr. McKinne, and had Mr. McKinne been present he, Mr. Calhoun, would have voted for Wilkinson Call.

The vote of the House was:

For Wilkinson Call—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bates, Berry Bethel, Blich of Levy, Bogue, Brown, Buford, Canty, Carle-

ton, Carson, Clark, Dimick, Dykes, Goode, Haddock, Hicks, Hutchinson, Johns, King, Lavender, McCaskill, Monroe, Morgan, Morris, Overstreet, Peacock, Pittman, Priest, Rye, Saulsbury, Stapler, Summerlin, Thompson, Usina, Vann and Wilson—37.

For Mr. Mays—Mr. High—1.

The Secretary announced that the total number of votes cast for United States Senator was 52,

Of which—

Wilkinson Call received 51 votes.

D. H. Mays received 1 vote.

The Chair announced that Hon. Wilkinson Call having received a majority of all the votes of the Joint Assembly, a majority of all the members elected to both Houses being present and voting, he is duly elected United States Senator for the term beginning March 4, 1891.

Mr. Shine moved that the joint session of the Legislature do adjourn *sine die*;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Yancey moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Hon. Wilkinson Call of his election as United States Senator, and to invite him to address the joint session;

Which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Yancey, Clark and Haddock.

After a brief absence the committee returned, accompanied by Hon. Wilkinson Call, who was introduced by the President and addressed the joint session.

Mr. Hicks moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Governor and notify him of the election of Hon. Wilkinson Call as United States Senator.

Which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Hicks, Calhoun and Monroe.

The committee thereupon retired.

On motion of Mr. Yancey the joint session took a recess of 5 minutes.

12:45 O'CLOCK.

At 12:45 o'clock the joint session was called to order. President Browne in the chair.

The committee appointed to inform the Governor of the election of Hon. Wilkinson Call as United States Senator appeared at the bar of the House and reported that they had

called at the Executive office, but did not find the Governor in.

On motion of Mr. Yancey the minutes of the joint session held this day were read.

The Journal of the Senate and House in joint session were read and corrected.

Mr. Yancey moved that the joint session do now adjourn;  
Which was agreed to.

The joint session thereupon adjourned, whereupon the Senate returned to its chamber.

### 1:20 O'CLOCK.

At 1:20 o'clock the Senate returned to its chamber.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bryant, Calhoun, Coulter, Crosby, Pirrong, Rosborough, Smith of 30th, Swearingen, Wadsworth and Wolfe—11.

No quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Wolfe, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 27, 1891.

### WEDNESDAY, May 27, 1891.

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. Broome, Bryant, Calhoun, Coulter, Crosby, Pirrong, Rosborough, Smith of 30th, Summers, Swearingen, Thomas, Wadsworth, Wolfe and Yancey—15.

No quorum present.

The President directed the members present to rise for prayer.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Yancey moved that the Senate take a recess until 11 o'clock;

Which was agreed to and the Senate took a recess until that hour.

### 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Broome, Bryant, Calhoun, Coulter, Crosby, Pirrong, Rosborough, Smith of 30th, Summers, Swearingen, Thomas, Wadsworth, Wolfe and Yancey—15.

No quorum present.

Mr. Wolfe offered the following resolution:

Pending the reading of which—

The Chair inquired the nature of the resolution, ruling that no motion could be made except to adjourn or to compel the attendance of absent Senators in the absence of a quorum.

Mr. Wolfe stated the resolution referred to compelling the attendance of absent members.

Whereupon the Chair ruled that the resolution was in order, and the Senate proceeded to read the same, as follows:

WHEREAS, There was no quorum of the Senate present on yesterday, the 26th of May, and the roll call of the day discloses the absence of a quorum, and

WHEREAS, This deplorable state of affairs has been caused by the fact that the following named members of the Senate, to-wit:

Messrs. Baya, Borden, Bristol, Brett, Drake, Farmer, Hammond, Johnson, King, Kirk, McKinne, Myers, Rogers, Smith of 31st, Wall and Wilkinson,

Have wilfully absented and continue to absent themselves without leave of this body from its daily sessions, for reasons unknown to this body, and

WHEREAS, the absence of the Senators named, if persisted in will inevitably lead to the blocking of all legislation during the very few days of life now remaining to the Legislature, which will bring disaster upon the State by reason of the large number of important bills remaining undisposed of upon the calendar of the Senate and House of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, the failure of these measures in the Legislature will necessitate the calling of an extra session of the Legislature at great expense to the State; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate be instructed to compel the attendance of said absent Senators, employing such assistance and incurring such expense as may be necessary for that purpose.

*Resolved further*, That if said absentees, or any of them, are placed under arrest by said Sergeant-at-Arms during any recess of the Senate that he is authorized and commanded