

# JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Of the Fourth 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 fourth day of April, A. D. 1893, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida, for the meeting of the Legislature.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1893.

The Senate convened at 12 M., and was called to order by the Hon. Jefferson B. Browne, President.

Prayer was offered by the former Chaplain, Rev. S. Woodbury.

Secretary Finley called the roll of Senators holding over, and the following answered to their names:

Messrs. J. F. Baya, W. J. Borden, W. H. Bristol, J. E. Broome, J. B. Browne, B. P. Calhoun, W. W. Farmer, J. J. Johnson, J. H. McKinne, F. T. Myers, J. A. Rosborough, J. F. Smith, O. J. H. Summers, W. C. Thomas, B. D. Wadsworth, J. E. Wolfe.

The roll of new Senators was called and the following answered to their names and were sworn in by Chief Justice Raney, viz.:

Messrs. N. A. Blich, F. A. Fleming, F. B. Genovar, M. R. Marks, James McKay, M. L. McKinney, A. W. McLeran, C. J. Perrenot, L. J. Reeves, W. H. Reynolds, J. W. Whidden.  
A quorum present.

The President announced that the Senate was now ready to proceed to the election of officers and attaches;

Whereupon the following nominations were made:

Mr. Perrenot nominated Hon. W. H. Reynolds, of Polk, for President of the Senate;

Which nomination was seconded by Mr. Calhoun.

There being no other nominations Mr. Reynolds was unanimously elected President of the Senate and so declared.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Perrenot, McLeran and Calhoun a Committee to escort the President-elect to the chair. Ex-President Browne with appropriate remarks, delivered

the gavel to President Reynolds, who briefly returned his thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

The remaining officers and attaches of the Senate nominated by the Democratic caucus held April 3, 1893, were placed in nomination by Mr. Whidden, as follows:

President pro tem.—Fred T. Myers, Leon.  
 Secretary—Charles A. Finley, Columbia.  
 Assistant Secretary—Lamont Bailey, Hillsborough.  
 Sergeant-at-Arms—H. C. McRea, Pasco.  
 Recording Secretary—Walter Keogh, Jackson.  
 Engrossing Secretary—E. Amos, Santa Rosa.  
 Enrolling Secretary—C. B. Ashley, Madison.  
 Reading Secretary—L. W. Colson, Suwannee.  
 Chaplain—Rev. S. Woodbury, Gadsden.  
 Doorkeeper—T. J. Peavy, Gadsden.  
 Messenger—Thomas Costa, Leon.  
 Janitor—B. J. Stiles, Columbia.  
 Pages—Harry Strauss, Putnam; Rhodes Saxon, Hernando;  
 F. DeBerry, Leon.

Upon vote, the foregoing persons were unanimously elected for their respective positions, and so declared.

The oath of office was administered to them by Lamont Bailey, a Notary Public for the State at large, except as to Mr. E. Amos, who was not present, and himself.

Mr. Wolfe moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Governor and notify him that the Senate was duly organized and ready to receive any communication that he might desire to transmit;

Which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Wolfe, Calhoun and Baya said committee.

Mr. Johnson moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the House of the organization of the Senate;

Which motion was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Johnson, McLeran and Perrenot said committee.

Senator A. M. Williamson of the 9th district, appeared at the bar of the Senate and was duly sworn in by Chief-Justice Raney, who also administered the oath of office to Lamont Bailey, the Assistant Secretary.

The committee appointed to notify the Governor of the organization of this body appeared at the bar of the Senate, and reported that they had waited upon the Governor and given him due notice of the organization of the Senate, and

had been informed by the Governor that in due time he would transmit his message for the Senate's consideration;

Which report was received, and the committee discharged.

The committee to notify the House of the organization of the Senate, appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced the House of Representatives not yet organized, and asked for further time in which to make their report.

Upon motion, the request was granted.

Mr. Whidden offered the following concurrent resolution: Resolved, That a committee consisting of two (2) from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to examine the books and records of the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and they be allowed to employ such clerical aid as they find necessary.

On motion of Mr. Wolfe the resolution was adopted.

The President appointed as said committee on the part of the Senate Messrs. Whidden and Summers.

Mr. Browne offered the following resolution:

Be it Resolved, That the President appoint a Standing Committee on Rules, whose duty it shall be to draw up and report to the Senate, at its morning session to-morrow, such rules for the government of the proceedings of the Senate, as are necessary, and that said committee be, and is hereby authorized, to report to the Senate, from time to time, such further and additional rules governing the proceedings of the Senate, as will tend to expedite the business of the same; Provided, however, That the rules in force at the last session of the Senate, shall govern its proceedings until said committee shall make its report.

On motion of Mr. McKinne the resolution was adopted.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Browne, Bristol, McKinne, Baya and Calhoun.

Mr. McKinney offered the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of one 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;

Which was laid over under the rules.

Mr. Myers offered the following concurrent resolution:

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a special joint committee, to consist of five members of the Senate and seven members of the House, be appointed to consider the financial condition of the State,

and to report by bills, or otherwise, plans for liquidating its floating indebtedness, and meeting its current expenses;

Which was laid over under the rules.

Mr. Browne offered the following concurrent resolution :

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That a special committee consisting of five members of the Senate and seven members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to consider the question of adopting the Australian ballot system in Florida, and to prepare and report a bill embodying the principles of the Australian ballot law, in its purity or modified to meet the existing conditions in the State of Florida; and that all bills providing for holding State elections in Florida, or modifying, repealing or amending any of the election or registration laws of Florida be referred to such committee ;

Which was laid over under the rules.

Mr. Farmer offered the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved, the House concurring, That a committee, consisting of two on the part of the Senate and three from the House, be appointed to investigate the books, records and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and they are authorized to employ such clerical aid as will enable them to make thorough investigation;

Which was laid over under the rules.

The committee appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate had perfected its organization, returned and announced that they had performed the duty assigned them, and asked to be discharged.

On motion, the report was received, and the committee discharged.

On motion, Messrs. Myers and Perrenot were excused from further attendance until Monday.

The Senate thereupon, on motion of Mr. Summers, adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, April 5, 1893.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1893.

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. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar,

Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Perrenot, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Marks, the courtesy of the Senate was extended to Judge J. W. Welborn, of Sanford.

Messrs. Alex. St. Clair Abrams, J. E. Grady and Alonzo Weeks, who were not present yesterday, appeared at the bar of the Senate and were duly sworn in by Chief Justice Raney.

On motion of Mr. Wolfe, reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was approved.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and informed the Senate that the House of Representatives was duly organized;

Which report was received and the committee withdrew.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. McKinne:

Senate Bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jackson County Mill Company.

By Mr. Marks:

Senate Bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of J. F. Stewart, S. S. Sharp J. C. Anderson, N. B. Broward, W. D. Vinzant, Walter O'Tool and others.

Mr Wolfe moved that the regular order of business be dispensed with, and that no other bills be introduced until after the appointment of committees;

Which was agreed to.

#### CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 :

Providing for the appointment of a committee from the Senate and House of Representatives to examine the Comptroller's and Treasurer's books,

Was read the second time.

Mr. McKinney moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3 :