

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Of the Seventh Regular Session of the Legislature, under the Constitution of A. D. 1885, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, State of Florida, on Tuesday, the Fourth day of April, A. D., 1899, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for the meeting of the Legislature.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1899.

The Senate convened at 12 M. and was called to order by Hon. Jas. E. Broome.

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

Senators Barber, Blich, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer, 11th District; Reeves, Roberts—15.

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

Senators Adams, Baker, Broome, Chaires, Crill, Denham, Harris, McCaskill, McCreary, Myers, O'Brien, Palmer, 14th District; Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson—17.

A quorum present.

The roll of new Senators was called four at a time, and the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution administered to them by Chief Justice R. F. Taylor.

Mr. Crill moved:

That the Senate proceed to the election of officers and attaches of the Senate for the present session.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson placed in nomination the name of Hon. Frank Adams, of Hamilton, to be President of the Senate.

Which was seconded by Mr. Palmer, of the 11th.

Mr. Carson moved that Hon. Frank Adams be elected by acclamation.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves moved:

That a committee of three be appointed to escort the President-elect to the chair.

Which was agreed to.

The chair appointed Messrs. Reeves, Palmer, of 14th, and O'Brien, who performed their duty.

The President-elect was then introduced to the Senate in a few appropriate remarks by Mr. Broome.

Mr. Palmer, of 14th, moved:

That Hon. Jas. E. Broome be elected President pro tem.

And it was seconded by Mr. Palmer, of the 11th.

Which was agreed to.

And Mr. Broome was declared elected President pro tem.

Mr. Gaillard put in nomination the name of T. J. Appleyard, of Orange, to be Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Gaillard moved that T. J. Appleyard be declared elected Secretary by acclamation.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blicht put in nomination the names of the following persons to be officers and attaches of the Senate for the present session, to-wit:

Assistant Secretary—L. L. Ramsey, of Lafayette.

Reading Secretary—Bert Fish, of Volusia.

Assistant Reading and Bill Secretary—Fred L. Robertson, of Hernando.

Recording Secretary—J. W. Cannon, of Lake.

Engrossing Secretary—B. L. Blackburn, of DeSoto.

Enrolling Secretary—C. J. Hardee, of Madison.

Sergeant-at-Arms—S. A. Ogilvie, of Nassau.

Doorkeeper—T. J. Peavey, of Gadsden.

Messenger—W. H. Watson, of Walton.

Chaplain—Rev. S. M. Provence, of Leon.

Janitor—M. C. Burns, of Suwannee.

Pages—Roscoe Hendley, of Pasco; Mack Reddick, of Marion, and E. H. Pichard, of Leon.

Mr. Blicht moved:

That they be declared elected by acclamation.

Which was agreed to.

And they came forward (with the exception of Messrs. Blackburn and Watson) and took the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, which was administered by Chief Justice Taylor.

Mr. Reeves moved:

That the rules for the government of the Senate at the close of the last Session be in force until rules be adopted for the present Session.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller moved:

That a committee of three be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized and ready to proceed to business.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed the following as such committee, viz: Messrs. Fuller, Palmer, of 14th, and Denham.

Who, after a short absence, appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that they had performed the duty assigned them, and were discharged.

Mr. Blitch moved:

That a committee of three be appointed by the President to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the Senate was organized and ready to receive any communication he may see proper to communicate.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Blitch, McCaskill and Myers.

Who, after a brief absence, returned to the bar of the Senate and announced that they had performed the duty assigned them, and were discharged.

Mr. McLin offered the following:

By Mr. McLin:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1:

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 a thorough investigation.

Which was laid over under the rules until tomorrow.

Mr. Chaires offered the following:

By Mr. Chaires:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

Resolved, the House concurring, That a committee consisting of two members from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to examine the books, accounts and records of the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and they be allowed to employ such clerical aid as they may find necessary.

Which was laid over under the rules until tomorrow.

Mr. Bynum offered the following:

By Mr. Bynum:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3:

Be it Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, That a Committee to consist of two from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to investigate the books, accounts and vouchers of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and report to the Senate and House the result of the same; and that said Committee is hereby authorized to employ two expert accountants, with such clerical aid as may be necessary.

Which was laid over, under the rules, until to-morrow.

Mr. Hooker offered the following:

By Mr. Hooker:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4:

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, receipts and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and they are authorized to employ such clerical aid as will enable them to make their regular investigation.

Which was laid over, under the rules, until to-morrow.

Mr. Hendley offered the following:

By Mr. Hendley:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

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, receipts and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and they are authorized to employ any clerical and expert aid as will enable them to make a thorough investigation.

Which was laid over, under the rules, until to-morrow.

Mr. Hendley offered the following:

By Mr. Hendley:

Senate Resolution No. 1:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate as many copies of the Revised Statutes as the Senate may need.

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill moved:

That the Senate take a recess of 10 minutes.

Which was agreed to.

And at 12:40 P. M. the Senate took a recess.

At 12:50 P. M. President Adams called the Senate to order.

Mr. Myers moved:

That a further recess of 5 minutes be taken.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate again took a recess.

At 12:55 P. M. President Adams called the Senate to order.

At 1 P. M. Mr. Myers moved:

That a further recess of 20 minutes be taken.

Which was agreed to.

And a further recess was taken.

At 1:25 P. M. the Senate re-assembled, President Adams in the Chair.

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

Mr. President, Senators Baker, Barber, Blich, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Clark, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hendley, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Palmer, 14th, Palmer, 11th, Reeves, Roberts, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson—30.

A quorum present.

A Committee of three from the House of Representatives appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that they were instructed by the House to inform the Senate that that body was organized and ready to proceed to business.

W. H. Watson, Messenger, and Ben L. Blackburn, Engrossing Secretary, who were absent when the other officers and attaches of the Senate were sworn in, appeared and the oath of office was duly administered by C. J. Hardee, of Madison County, a notary public.

A message was received from the Governor.

The President presented the following communication to the Senate:

Society of American Authors—(Incorporated)—Founded May, 1892—No. 71 Broadway, New York—President, Hon. Rastus S. Ransom, 290 Broadway—Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Julia Warde Howe, Dr. Thomas Dunn English, Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth, General Lew Wallace, Hon. Hubert Howe Bancroft, Miss Grace Denio Litchfield—Treasurer

and Counsel, Mr. Morris Patterson Ferris—Secretary, Mr. J. Beverly Robinson—Board of Managers: Dr. Edward O. Flagg, Mr. William Nelson, Hon. Isaac Lawrence, Dr. E. Walpole Warren, Mr. Charles A. Jenny, Mr. John J. Rooney, Mr. Isaac Myer, Gen. James Grant Wilson, Col. Sheffield Phelps, Mr. Craven L. Betts, Dr. Henry Morton, Mr. J. Beverly Robinson.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Society of American Authors, at its annual meeting held at the Hotel Windsor, New York City, on the 8th day of February, 1899:

Whereas, The 14th day of next December marks the completion of one hundred years since the death of George Washington; and

Whereas, The Society of American Authors recognizes the importance of giving special emphasis to such a centennial:

Therefore, be it Resolved, by the Society in annual meeting assembled, That a fit recognition of the occasion would be the legal cessation of all avoidable labor for that day; in order that the nation may be free to do honor to the memory of one whose life and acts and patriotism have in large measure rendered possible the progress, the strength and the political freedom of the United States.

Be it also Resolved, That the Society extends its hearty approval to the plan of the George Washington Memorial Association, to lay the corner stone of the National University in the City of Washington, on December 14th, next.

Be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of the Society forward a copy of this Preamble and Resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice-President, the Speaker of the House; the Governors of Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Ohio, Vermont and Virginia; and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House in each of the States where a Legislature is now in session.

Moved by G. Grosvenor Dawe.

Seconded by Mrs. T. St. John Gaffney.

A Copy—Attested February 23, 1899.

[Seal] JOHN BEVERLY ROBINSON, Secretary.

The New York Public Library—Astor Lenox and Tilden Foundations—Office of the Director, Astor Library Building, 40 Lafayette Place.

New York, March 14, 1899.—The Secretary of the Senate, Tallahassee, Florida.—Dear Sir: The New York Public Library, composed of the Astor Library, the Lenox Li-

brary, and the Tilden Trust, and for which the City of New York is about to construct a large building, is probably the largest reference Library and is more consulted for such purposes, than any other Library in the United States. We are endeavoring to form in this Library as complete a collection as possible of the public documents of all countries, for the benefit of the many scholars and students who consult our files.

Regarding the Journals issued by the Florida Senate, we have nothing later than 1865-66, viz: We have 1845, 1856-57, 1859, 1865-66; and I have the honor to request that this file may be completed to date, so far as it is possible. Should copies of the earlier Journals not be obtainable, I would particularly request that the volumes issued since 1880 to date may be furnished. The favor would be highly appreciated.

Should you be able to grant my request and forward a collection of these documents, the expense of transmission would be borne by the Library.

The Bulletin of the New York Public Library has been forwarded regularly to the Florida State Library, and I hope that it may be considered a partial equivalent for the current and future publications of the Senate and House.

Hoping for a favorable consideration of my request, I am

Very respectfully,
JOHN S. BILLINGS, Director.

Mr. Myers moved:

That the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Barber, Blich, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Clark, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hendley, Hooker, McCaskill, Mc-