

Mr. Baker moved that a committee of 5 be appointed on Temperance;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McKinne introduced the following bill.

Senate bill No. 1:

A Bill to be Entitled, An Act to repeal an act to Provide for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes upon Improvements on the Public Lands, and for the protection of Occupancy Claimants of said Lands.

Mr. McKinne introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to present appropriate resolutions expressive of our feelings of sorrow and regret at the death of Senators Walker and Hendry, whose deaths have occurred since last session, and that now as a mark of respect this body do adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow, at which time the committee will report;

Which was agreed to.

The following committee was appointed:

Messrs. McKinne, Spear, Crill, Dell and Sharpe.

The Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

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THURSDAY, January 4, 1883.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

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

Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hankins, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Leslie, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Spear, Swearingen—30.

A quorum present.

Senator Cottrell came forward and was sworn in by L. B. Wombwell, N. P.

I. McAuld came forward and was sworn into office as Sergeant-at-Arms by L. B. Wombwell, N. P.

Mr. Delano offered the following joint resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of two from the Senate and

three from the Assembly be appointed to investigate the affairs of the office of the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration, and that said committee be invested with power to send for persons and papers;

Which was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Speer offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The custom established in our legislative bodies of employing clerks for committees, regardless of the necessity, is one that should be abolished; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That no committee of this House shall employ such clerk unless there be real necessity for it, and then the committee shall only employ such clerical aid as may be necessary, and at a stipulated price, and for a certain time;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chandler offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The people of the State of Florida represented in Senate and Assembly did, by joint resolution, approved March 7, 1881, resolve as follows:

"SECTION 1. That it is the determination of this Legislature that it is necessary to cause a revision of the Constitution of the State of Florida; that this determination be entered upon the respective journals of the two houses of this Legislature, with the yeas and nays, and that the same is referred to the Legislature next hereafter to be chosen, and shall be published in at least three newspapers of this State for three months before the time for choosing the next Legislature;" and

Whereas, Said publication as above mentioned aroused comparatively no enthusiasm among the people in favor of a revision of our State Constitution; and

Whereas, From the message of the Honorable Wm. D. Bloxham, Governor of Florida, read in our hearing on yesterday, it appears that our State is rapidly enlarging its facilities for educating its youth, and is increasing in wealth, population and power under the present Constitution:

*Resolved*, That it is the judgment of the Senate that it is not necessary to call a convention for the purpose of revising the Constitution of the State of Florida.

The further consideration of this motion was postponed until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Chandler offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Rule 20 of the Standing Rules of the Senate be amended by inserting before the word "and" in the last line the following words: "A Committee on Temperance;"

Which was adopted.