

SENATE GOT TIRED EARLY.

Majority Would Not Stand for Afternoon Session. Passage of about a dozen bills, in addition to the routine order, comprised the work of the Senate yesterday during a session that lasted two hours and forty minutes.

With the exception of the bill to create Palm Beach County, none of those passed were of any great importance.

That by Mr. Trammell, requiring common carriers to separate white and negro passengers, and that to fix the standard of cotton seed meal by Mr. Henderson being the most noteworthy.

The purposes of the first bill are more fully covered by a law now in effect and which needs but simple amendment, relative to nurses, to declare it absolutely within the province of the Constitution.

Seven bills were introduced, among them being: Empowering the State Board of Health to employ a sanitary officer, whose duty it shall be to inspect hotels.

Erecting a monument to the memory of Major General Loring, at St. Augustine, by Senator Zim.

On motion of Senator Humphries the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning, although a special order was pending for yesterday afternoon.

Adoption of the motion was determined by a rising vote, nobody thinking to demand a roll call, and the vote was close.

Senator Cone moved to adjourn until 4 p. m., but the longer period got first call and won by a head.

BENEFIT OF WOMAN'S CLUB.

For the benefit of the Woman's Club there will be a presentation of the ever-pleasing and always exceedingly attractive opera "Mikado."

This event is scheduled for Tuesday night, May 14, at the Opera House. The members of the cast will be those talented amateurs of Monticello who recently gave such a fine and successful presentation of "Mikado" in their home town.

As the opera will be under the patronage of the Woman's Club, and as all members are splendid workers in the interest of the club, the attendance will be large. All visitors in Tallahassee will find this the opportunity for the enjoyment of a night of satisfactory entertainment.

STATE UNIFORMITY ON SENATE SIDE-TRACK.

Senate Bill No. 101, which has slept in committee since April 9, was reported yesterday, and on motion of Senator Henderson, Chairman of the Committee on Education, was made a special order for to-day at 11 o'clock.

This is the county uniform text book bill by Senator Humphries, and it received a favorable report.

The bills providing for State uniformity of text books are now on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading, and each is marked with an unfavorable report.

The action in getting the Humphries bill made a special order looks like an attempt to side-track State uniformity in the Senate.

SENATE PASSED PALM BEACH BILL

SENATOR HUDSON MAKES STRONG APPEAL FOR DIVISION OF DADE AND IS OPPOSED BY SENATORS SAMS AND BUCKMAN—TWENTY VOTES FOR TO ELEVEN AGAINST IS THE SENATE RECORD FOR COUNTY DIVISION.

Long and ably did Senator Hudson speak yesterday in support of the bill that would cut old Dade in half and create the new county of Palm Beach.

Mr. Hudson dwelt carefully on the reasons that prompted such county division, principally among them being the necessity for a more convenient seat of government for the many residents of the northern portion of the county.

He described the large territory comprised in Dade county and the long distance to be traveled to the court house by the citizens of that portion which forms the new county.

Speaking for himself, Mr. Hudson said that while he was a citizen of Miami, he realized the justice of the demand for the new county and would do all possible to secure its creation. "I would probably lose more by the division of Dade county than any other person," said Senator Hudson, "but I do not consider that when justice is involved, I am here to work in the interest of the people."

Mr. Hudson stated that probably one-third of the citizens of Miami and vicinity were opposed to the division, one-third did not care, while the remaining third were willing that the division occur.

Senator Sams bespoke his opposition to the bill, saying that he would not vote for division of any county, unless the people of the county had settled the matter first among themselves.

As usual, Senator Buckman lined up in opposition.

He said: "I regret exceedingly on an occasion of this kind to take issue with any Senator in what is looked on as a local matter."

"But this is not a local matter," he continued. "It affects every county in the State, because it affects every representation in the State. The sentiment appears to be well-founded that there will be no reapportionment. Creation of new counties makes more representation, and that reduces the representation of present counties. It will take away representation from my county."

Mr. Buckman presented another reason for opposition to the bill, on account of a flaw that he claimed existed relative to division of the funds by the County Commissioners of Dade and the new county.

He closed by saying that he was "against this bill and every other county division bill."

Senator Crane said: "If one more representative be added I don't think any other county will suffer thereby. We should consider the injustice that will result if the county is not divided."

Replying to the remarks of Mr. Buckman, the argument was made by Senator Hudson that he did not think there was serious objection by anybody to having the representation cut down one-sixty-ninth of a vote. That the wishes of the people of Dade who wanted division should be considered. To Senator Sams, he said that the Legislature, under the present law, was the only place to come when division was desired.

Senator Adams, who voted against the bill, said that county division matters had been discussed with the people of his county, and that he had been instructed.

On roll call the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Alford, Baker, Beard, Broome, Cone, Cottrell, Crane, Crews, Davis, Girardeau, Hudson, Jackson, Leggett, Massey, Neel, Trammell, Willis, West of 1st, West of 4th, Zim—20.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Adams, Buckman, Clarke, Crill, Henderson, Humphries, Johnson, McCreary, Sams, Withers—11.

So the bill passed, and the Senate went on record as favoring county division.

DICKENS IN THE HOUSE.

Malone Cites Famous Case of Jarndyce.

The famous case of Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce, alluded to by Dickens in Bleak House, was cited by Mr. Malone, in the House yesterday, as presenting a picture of what might be possible under the law proposed by Mr. Mathews of Marion.

Mr. Malone contended that the bill would make it impossible to get service on non-resident defendants and would pile up the costs, which the complainants would have to pay, and would create a sinecure for some lawyer or lawyers in each county. Mr. Malone supported the motion to indefinitely postpone, and this action obtained.

Mr. Mathews objected, saying that the bill was prepared by a leading lawyer of the Ocala bar, and he thought it a good bill. He didn't like the rule of the House to indefinitely postpone the measures that the committees saw fit to report unfavorably. The title of the bill is:

"An act for the repeal of Section 1866 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to service of process on non-resident defendants and to provide for the service of process in chancery causes on non-resident defendants, and others in chancery causes who conceal themselves or otherwise make it impossible to obtain personal service upon them."

DIDN'T SOUND SO TO STROZIER.

And the Committee on Fisheries Got the Bill.

The next time Senator Hudson sends a bill to the House the reading clerks will hold a caucus and refuse to receive it.

The one that got there yesterday would have been circumvented undoubtedly if the clerks had known what was in it before it was opened for reading before the House.

Nobody in the House now knows what the bill contains. Reader Marion discovered it, and began the reading in a long, clear and impressive amber twang, when he suddenly became conscious that he had read all the bills that he had agreed to read and that Strozier's turn had arrived.

Strozier gathered up the document with confidence. And he read:

"By Senator Hudson, a bill to amend Section 3763 of the General Statutes in reference to the capture or killing of the—"

"What t'ell is this?" he whispered sotto voce to Marion.

Marion. "Damfino," said Marion, unconcernedly.

"Don't look like that," responded Strozier, puzzled still.

"Referred to the Committee on Fisheries," said the Speaker, with appreciation of the reader's predicament, and the two readers fetched a deep sigh of relief.

It was a bill to protect the manatee, or sea cow, known scientifically and so called in the bill as Trichechus latirostris.

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION IN MANSION.

Large attendance marked the housewarming reception at the Governor's mansion last night, and the guests enjoyed a pleasant evening the new home of Florida's chief executive.

Governor and Mrs. Broward received, and many were the congratulations offered them and wishes of happiness in their new residence.

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"Take the timber away from this country and there's nothing left—what is left isn't good for anything except to hold the world together," quoth DuPont of St. Johns, in the House yesterday, in opposing an amendment offered by Rowe of Madison to the bill to tax turpentine and timber privileges as personal property.

Mr. Rowe urged an amendment which practically annulled the purpose of the bill. He contended that it was not right to collect taxes from the owner of the land and then to collect an additional tax from the lessee of the turpentine or timber privileges. The two could not be separated, he said, for the owner received the benefit from the property in the rentals paid him, and the tax was justly his to pay and there should be no other. It was like taxing the house, he said, separately from the lot upon which the house was located.

Mr. Faulkner said that he had before put the House on notice that he was no lawyer, and he was glad he wasn't. To present a theory as a fact, he said, was the long suit of lawyers. There was so much merit in the bill that there was no argument against it, and hardly any argument for it, because it didn't need any. The member from Taylor said that it was a step toward the equalization of taxes. These men who were growing rich from the operation of turpentine rights were exempt from taxation under the present system on the business that was producing the money, and in many cases the land owners were poor. The land was practically worthless when the leases expired.

"Just so," said DuPont. "It's good for nothing except to hold the world together."

The bill went to the Engrossing Committee without amendment.

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