Legislature of North Carolina.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30th, 1870.

The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Noeman, Baptist from Gibson.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Love, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported favorably on the following bills, viz:

Bill relating to the Keeper of the Capitol.

Bill to extend the time for collecting and paying over the taxes for County purposes in the County of Cherokee.

Mr. Cowles, from the Committee on Finance reported adversely on the bill to increase the salary of Attorney General to $2500.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Merrimon, Bill to continue in force sections amending the Code of Civil Procedure in North Carolina, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Smith, Bill to consolidate the Western North Carolina Rail Road and the North Western North Carolina Rail Road Companies, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Crowell, Bill concerning the poor house of Lincoln County, referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Love, Bill to amend chapter 370 of the laws of 68 and 69, concerning the powers and duties of State officers, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Love, Bill to amend chapt. 170 of the laws of 68 and 69 providing a board of Public Charities, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Cowles: Resolution respectfully inviting the Clergy of the city to make arrangement among themselves to open the sessions of the Senate with prayer, and requesting the newspapers of the city to give publicity to the same.

Mr. Morehead moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "request newspapers to publish," and to insert the words "and that the President appoint a Committee to wait on the Clergy, and acquaint them of the wishes of the Senate," which was accepted by the mover, and the resolution was adopted. Messrs. Morehead and Beasley were designated as the Committee.

By Mr. Cook: Resolution proposing to raise a joint Committee on Constitutional reform; lies over under the rules.

By Mr. Love: Resolution relative to the appointment of pages. It proposes to repeal the law or authority which authorized their appointment, which was adopted.

By Mr. McCotter: Resolution for the relief of the tax collector of Pitt county.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the rules were suspended and the resolution passed its second reading.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Bill to abolish the office of State Printer and for other purposes. [This bill authorizes the joint standing Committee on printing to contract to have the work done at reasonable rates.] It passed its final reading by the following ballot:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Albright, Bellamy, Battle, Brogden, Currie, Cowles, Crowell, Cook, Council, Fyche, Fleming, Graham, Hawkins, Hyman (col.), Latham, Ledbetter, Linney, Love, McCotter, McClammy, Murphy, Morehead, Mabry, Merrimon, Norment, Robbins, of Rowan, Robbins of Davidson, Speed, Skinner, Smith, Troy, Waddell, Worth and Whiteside—36.

NAYS—Messrs. Beasley, Epps (col.), King, Moore, Old and Price (col.)—6.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Murphy and King until Monday next.

Mr. Brogden moved to amend the rules by striking out the previous question.

After considerable discussion Mr. Morehead moved to lay the motion on the table which prevailed.

The President stated that the hour had arrived as prescribed by law, to compare the vote for United States Senator, and the members of the Senate repaired to the House of Representatives. [What was done in joint session will appear in the House proceedings.]

Upon the return of the Senators to the Senate Chamber, bills on their second reading were taken up.

CALENDAR.

Bill in relation to the Keeper of the Capitol. [The bill abolishes the office and authorizes the Legislature to elect a Keeper on the 3rd Monday of each regular session] Passed its second reading.

Bill authorizing Col. W. A. Allen, to take depositions to be used as evidence in the contested seat from the 31st Senatorial District.

Mr. Merrimon offered several amendments which were adopted, and after some discussion the bill passed its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Robbins the rules were suspended and the bill passed its third reading by the following ballot:

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