

## Legislative Session #45, 1887-1888

Session convened 3 January 1887

Roll call:	Fayette County	<b>Monroe W. Gooden</b>
	Hamilton County	J. W. Stone, <b>Styles L. Hutchins</b>
	Haywood County	<b>Samuel A. McElwee</b>

Walter Lucas Clapp, Democrat from Shelby County, was elected Speaker of the House on the tenth ballot.

Committee assignments:

- **Monroe W. Gooden:**
  - Agriculture
  - Federal Relations
- **Styles L. Hutchins:**
  - Education and Common Schools
  - New Counties and County Lines
- **Samuel A. McElwee:**
  - Charitable Institutions
  - Elections
  - Judiciary

Bills introduced by **Monroe W. Gooden:**

- 25 January: “By **Mr. Gooden, House Bill No. 360**, To amend Section 5299 of the Code. – Passed first reading.”
- 11 February: “**House Bill No. 360** . . . Passed second reading, and referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways, and Means.” No further references.
- 26 February: “By **Mr. Gooden, House Bill No. 765**, To make it a misdemeanor for candidates to be present at count of ballots. – Passed first reading.”
- 1 March: “**House Bill No. 765** . . . Passed second reading, and referred to Judiciary Committee.”

Other legislative activity involving **Monroe W. Gooden:**

- 28 February: “By **Mr. Gooden**, Petition from citizens of Fayette County in regard to tax laws. – Referred to Committee on Finance, Ways, and Means.”

Bills introduced by **Styles L. Hutchins:**

- 10 January: “By **Mr. Hutchins, House Bill No. 33**, To amend Sections 2450 and 2451 of Code. – Passed first reading.”
- 10 January: “By **Mr. Hutchins, House Bill No. 34**, To prohibit attorneys from becoming surety on bonds. – Passed first reading.”
- 12 January: “By **Mr. Hutchins, House Bill No. 136**, To amend the charter of Chattanooga. – Passed first reading.”
- 14 January: “**House Bill No. 33** . . . Passed second reading, and referred to Judiciary Committee.”

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- 19 January: “**House Bill No. 136** . . . Passed second reading, and referred to Judiciary Committee.”
- 28 January: “By **Mr. Hutchins, House Bill No. 413**, To prevent persons convicted of crime in other states from testifying in the courts of this State. — Passed first reading.”
- 9 February: “By **Mr. Hutchins, House Bill No. 447**, Relative to the working of convicts. — Passed first reading.”
- 9 February: “By unanimous consent, **Mr. Hutchins** introduced **House Resolution No. 108**, To place Mr. McElwee on committee appointed to visit Knoxville.— Lies over.”
- 12 February: “**House Bill No. 413** . . . Passed second reading, and referred to Judiciary Committee.”
- 12 February: “**House Bill No. 447** . . . Passed second reading, and referred to Committee on Penitentiary.” No further references.
- 18 February: “**House Resolution No. 108**, was withdrawn.”
- 28 February: “**House Bill No. 33**, To amend Sections 2450 and 2451 of the Code.—The substitute offered by Mr. Golladay, which repeals Sections 2450 to 2458 of the Code, was agreed to.—As amended, the bill was rejected by the following vote: Ayes 36, Noes 37.”
- 1 March: “Mr. Neely entered a motion to reconsider the action of the House in rejecting **House Bill No. 33**.—Mr. Lindsay moved to suspend the rules and take up House bills on third reading.—Agreed to.”
- 1 March: “**House Bill No. 34**, To prevent attorneys from becoming bondsmen in suits at law or equity.—Rejected.”
- 8 March: “By **Mr. Hutchins, House Resolution No. 159**, Relative to the State debt.—Lies over.”
- 10 March: “**House Bill No. 413**, To prevent persons of other States, convicted of crime, from testifying in this State.—The bill passed third reading by the following vote: Ayes 72, Noes 4. [*Names are listed.*]—A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.”
- 14 March: “**House Resolution No. 159**, Relating to the railroad bonds of the State.—Withdrawn.”
- 15 March: “By **Mr. Hutchins, House Bill No. 868**, To amend Section 2758 of Article 4 of Code.—Passed first reading.” No further references.
- 23 March: “**House Bill No. 136**, To amend the charter of Chattanooga.—Passed third reading.”

Other legislative activity involving **Styles L. Hutchins**:

None

Bills introduced by **Samuel L. McElwee**:

- 7 January: “By **Mr. McElwee, House Bill No. 5**, To prevent mob violence.— Passed first reading.”

- 7 January: “By **Mr. McElwee, House Bill No. 6**, To amend Article 4, Chapter 4, of Code.—Passed first reading.”
- 7 January: “By **Mr. McElwee, House Resolution No. 9**, Directory to the State Treasurer.—which was taken up under a suspension of the rules, and adopted.”
- 7 January: “By **Mr. McElwee, House Resolution No. 10**, Authorizing the Sergeant-at-Arms to purchase five dollars’ worth of postage stamps for each member, and directing the Treasurer to pay for the same.—Lies over.”
- 10 January: “**Mr. McElwee** introduced **House Joint Resolution No. 33**, Requesting Senators and Representatives in Congress in relation to the World’s Exposition of the colored people at Birmingham.—Lies over.”
- 11 January: “By **Mr. McElwee, House Resolution No. 37**, Directory to the Clerk to prepare a calendar.—Lies over.”
- 11 January: “**House Resolution No. 10**, Directory to the Sergeant-at-Arms, to furnish each member with five dollars worth of stamps.—Mr. Savage moved to lay the resolution on the table.—Upon which motion the ayes and noes were called, and the motion failed by the following vote: Ayes 37, Noes 51 [*Names are listed*].—The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Ellis moved to strike out five dollars and insert one dollar.—Lost—And the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 51, noes 39.”
- 12 January: “By unanimous consent, on motion of Mr. McElwee, House Joint Resolution No. 33, relating to the colored fair at Birmingham, Ala., was taken up and adopted.”
- 14 January: “**House Bill No. 5**, To prevent mob violence.—Passed second reading, and referred to Judiciary Committee.”
- 14 January: “**House Bill No. 6**, To amend Sections 3285 and 3288 of the Code.—Passed second reading, and referred to Judiciary Committee.”
- 18 January: “By **Mr. McElwee, House Bill No. 206**, To amend Section 5490 of the Code.—Passed first reading.”
- 18 January: “**House Resolution No. 37**, Directory to the Clerk to prepare a calendar.—Adopted.”
- 19 January: “**House Bill No. 206**, To amend Section 5490 of the Code.—Passed second reading, and referred to Judiciary Committee.” No further references.
- 24 January: “By **Mr. McElwee, House Joint Resolution No. 83**, Providing for the reception of colored cadets at Fisk University.—Lies over.”
- 29 January: “**House Joint Resolution No. 83**, Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.”
- 16 February: “By **Mr. McElwee, House Resolution No. 126**, Tendering thanks to the Alliance Club for a concert.—Lies over.”
- 16 February: “**Mr. McElwee** moved to suspend the rules and to make **House Bill No. 5** the special order for 10:30 o’clock to-morrow.—Lost.—The regular order was resumed.”
- 17 February: “**House Joint resolution No. 83**, Relative to the reception of colored students at the University of Tennessee, Etc.—Mr. McClelland moved to recommit the resolution to the Committee on Education and Common Schools.—Agreed to.”

- 18 February: “**House Resolution No. 126**, Returning thanks to the Alliance Club for a concert.—Adopted.”
- 21 February: “**Mr. McElwee** moved to make **House Bill No. 5**, To prevent mob violence, the special order for 10:30 o’clock a.m. to-morrow.—Agreed to.”
- 22 February, a.m.: “The special order for this hour being **House Bill No. 5**, To prevent mob violence, was taken up.—Pending consideration, Mr. Hanna moved to adjourn until 2 o’clock p.m.—Mr. Harris moved to adjourn until 10 o’clock to-morrow morning, out of respect to the memory of George Washington, which was lost.—The question recurring upon the motion to adjourn until 2 o’clock p.m., was agreed to.”
- 22 February, p.m.: “The unfinished business being consideration of **House Bill No. 5**, To prevent mob violence, was taken up.—The question being upon the adoption of the substitute offered by the Judiciary Committee.—Mr. Hurt moved the previous question upon the passage of the substitute, which was sustained, pending which Mr. Whitthorne moved to lay the bill and the substitute upon the table.—The ayes and noes were called, and the motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes 41, Noes 36. [*Names are listed.*]—The regular order was resumed.”
- 22 February: “**Mr. McElwee, House Resolution No. 146**, Tendering the use of the hall, etc.—Lies over.”
- 23 February: “**House Resolution No. 146** . . . Adopted.”
- 24 February: “**House Bill No. 6**, To amend Article 4, Chapter 4, of the Code, Sections 3285 and 3288.—The substitute offered by the committee was adopted, and the bill as amended passed the third reading by the following vote: Ayes 73, Noes 0.”
- 28 February: “By **Mr. McElwee, House Bill No. 780**, To repeal the charter of the Holly Springs, Brownsville & Ohio Railroad Company.—Passed first reading.”
- 1 March: “**House Bill No. 780** . . . Passed second reading, and referred to Committee on Railroads.”
- 2 March: “**House Joint Resolution No. 83**, Relative to the reception of cadets of the University of Tennessee.—Passed over informally.”
- 11 March: “By unanimous consent, **House Bill No. 780**, To repeal charter of Holly Springs, Brownsville & Dyer County Railroad Company, was taken up.—**Mr. McElwee** moved to strike out all after the enacting clause and substitute Senate Bill No. 348, on same subject.—Agreed to.—And the bill, as amended, passed third reading without call of the roll.—A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.”
- 14 March: “**House Joint Resolution No. 83**, Relative to reception of colored cadets in the University of Tennessee.—Mr. McElwee moved to amend by striking out Central Tennessee College and Roger Williams University.—Which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.”
- 28 March: “The following message was received from the Senate: MR. SPEAKER—By direction of the Senate, I transmit Senate Bill No. 494, In reference to Cincinnati, Chicago & Charleston Railroad Company, passed by the Senate; also **House Joint Resolution No. 83**, and House Bills Nos. 377, 575, 881, 451, and 875, and House Joint Resolution No. 176, signed by the Speaker of the Senate. HARRIS, *Clerk*.”

Other legislative activity involving **Samuel L. McElwee**:

- Motions, pp. 184, 241, 361, 437, 455, 532, 783, 785
- p. 437: “Mr. McElwee moved to suspend the rules and take up House Resolution No. 118, Authorizing the Speaker to continue the Journal Clerk during the remainder of the session.—Agreed to.—Mr. Wade moved to amend so that the expense shall not exceed \$300.—Laid on the table.—The previous question was demanded and sustained, and the resolution was adopted.”
- 440 Amendments offered, pp. 440, 571 [*interesting sequence of events in this pension bill, which begins on page 569*], 783, 816, 963
- 560 Explanation