

referred to the committee on banks, and 100 copies ordered to be printed.

The House of Representatives transmitted to the Senate sundry bills passed by the House, which were laid on the table until called for.

An engrossed bill entitled an act to prevent duelling, was read a third time; on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. English and Wright, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Berthelot, Duval, Dupont, Hart, Hawkins, Mills, Walker and Wright, 9.

Nays—Mr. English, 1.

So the bill passed—ordered that the title be as above.

The Senate went into secret session on Executive business.

The Senate adjourned until Monday 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, JAN. 27th, 1840.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and yesterday's proceedings were read.

Mr. Mills gives notice that he will, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the election of Judges of the county Court.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bills sent to the House of Representatives were taken from the table, and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. English introduced the following, to wit:

Resolved, That the Legislative Council do adjourn "sine die" on the 15th February.

Mr. Mills, from the Committee on the State of the territory, to whom was referred a bill entitled an act to increase the number of Senators, and to lay off the Territory into Senatorial Districts, reported said bill with amendments, and moved that it be placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Berthelot, from the select committee to whom was referred a petition of J. A. L. Norman, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Capt. J. A. L. Norman, President of the Dade Institute of Florida, have the honor to report,

That having had the subject matter of said petition under consideration, your committee have given it every attention which so important a matter deserves. By reference to a preamble and resolutions adopted by the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, in the year 1838, it will appear that

the subject has already met with a very favorable consideration. In addition to this, at the same session of the Council, an act was passed incorporating the Dade Institute of Florida, from which it is also evident the claims of the petition, as well as the great object in view, was properly appreciated by the representatives of the people of Florida. Your committee, concurring in sentiment with the resolutions of 1838 upon this subject of the Dade Institute, deems it would be but an act of supererrogation on the part of the Legislative Council, to take any further action on the matter. Enough has been done in the opinion of your committee, to show both to Congress and the American people, that we are deeply impressed with the importance of the subject, and your committee would therefore beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition.

A bill entitled an act to incorporate the Lafayette Engine and Hose Company of Key West, passed by the House of Representatives, Jan. 22d, 1840, was read and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill, entitled an act to repeal the second section of an act entitled an act to alter the time and manner of holding the Courts in Monroe county, and to extend the several acts respecting Executions into and over the Southern Judicial District of Florida, passed by the House of Representatives Jan. 23d, 1840, was read a first and second time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill entitled an act in amendment to an act approved Feb. 3, 1834, concerning the authentication of conveyances, passed by the House of Representatives Jan. 23, 1840, was read a first and second time by its teller, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill entitled an act for the relief of John Bryan, passed by the House of Representatives Jan. 23d, 1840, was read a first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

TUESDAY, 28th Jan. 1840.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and the proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Mills, agreeable to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of Judges of the County Court, and for other purposes which was read.

Mr. Wright offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Territory be requested to distribute the copies of the laws of the Territory as com-