

Senate, entitled an act to increase the number of Senators of the Legislative Council, Mr. Lancaster in the chair, after some time spent in consideration of said bills, the committee rose, and the chairman reported the first to the House amended and in substitution of the bill from the Senate—which report was concurred in, and said bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Attest.

JAS. H. GIBSON, Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. Hawkins moved that a committee of conference be appointed by the President of the Senate, to confer with any committee that may be appointed by the House of Representatives in relation to the bill to be entitled an act to increase the number of Senators of the Legislative Council, and that the Secretary certify to the House of Representatives the appointment of said committee.

Which was adopted. Messrs. Hawkins, Berthelot and Mills, were appointed said committee.

A Bill entitled "An act concerning Wills, Letters Testamentary and of Administration, and the duties of Executors, Administrators and Guardians, approved 20th November, 1828," was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

THURSDAY, February 13, 1840.

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

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Finance and Banks, to whom was referred a bill entitled an act to suspend the operation of the revenue laws for the year 1840, and to provide for the settlement of all arrears due to and from the Territorial Treasury, reported a substitute for said bill, which report was received, and said substitute ordered for to-day.

Mr. Berthelot, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled, an act in relation to Auctioneers; an act to repeal the first section of an act entitled an act providing for removal of Justices of the Peace in certain cases, and for other purposes, approved Feb. 14th, 1835, and a resolution in relation to the distribution of the laws as compiled by John P. Duval, Esq.

The resolution before offered by Mr. Duval, in relation to

a reserve of land for the erection of a Government House, was again read.

Mr. Dupont moved to amend said resolution by adding the words whenever the Territory shall have been admitted into the Union, which motion was lost.

The resolution was then amended and adopted.

Also, certain resolutions in relation to increasing the salary of the Governor of the Territory, was again read.

On the question of the adoption of the first resolution, the yeas and Nays were called for by Messrs. Dupont and Hawkins, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Berthelot, Duval, English, Hart, Hawkins, Mills, Walker and Wright—9.

Nays—Mr. President and Mr. Dupont.—2.

On the question of the adoption of the second resolution, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dupont and Hawkins, and were :

Yeas—Messrs Berthelot and Duval—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Dupont, English, Hart, Hawkins, Mills, Walker and Wright—9.

The substitute for the House bill, entitled an act to legitimate the children of D. A. Northrop, and to change their names, was read a third time and passed, ordered that the title be as in said substitute.

An act to amend the several acts in relation to slaves, free negroes, and mulattoes, was read a third time. On the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Mills and Duval, and were—

Yeas : Messrs. Bailey, Berthelot, Duval, Dupont, Hawkins and Walker—6.

Nays : Mr. President, Messrs. English, Hart, Mills and Wright—5.

So said bill passed, Ordered that the title be as above.

An act to provide for issuing writs of certiorari, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject, was read a third time and lost.

The Senate received from the House, as passed, a bill entitled an act to authorize the Governor to appoint a Commissioner to settle the affairs of the Farmers' Bank of Florida, which was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on finance.

Also, a bill entitled an act to incorporate the town of Jasper, in Hamilton county, which was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the judiciary committee.

The Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. Mills in the chair, on a bill entitled an act to suspend the operation of the revenue laws for the year 1840, and to provide for the settlement of all arrears due to and from the Territorial treasury:

after some time spent in its consideration, the committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion, written copies of said bill were ordered, and the bill made the order of the day for Saturday.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

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FRIDAY, Feb. 14, 1840.

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

Mr. Mills, from the committee on the State of the Territory, to whom was referred a bill entitled an act to authorize R. T. McDavid to establish a Ferry across the Escambia River, reported the same without amendment.

The Senate went into secret session on Executive business. On motion the doors were opened.

The Senate then adjourned until Monday 12 o'clock.

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MONDAY, Feb. 17, 1840.

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

Mr. English, agreeable to previous notice, introduced a bill entitled an act concerning the Seminole Indians, which was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the State of the Territory.

Mr. Berthelot gives notice that he will, on some future day, introduce a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church of the City of Tallahassee.

Mr. Dupont gives notice that he will, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of M. H. Martin.

Mr. Hawkins, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the following bills without amendment, viz :

A bill entitled an act to incorporate the city of Tallahassee, Also, an act to incorporate the town of Jasper, in Hamilton County, and

A bill entitled an act to authorize the appointment of Com-