

Senate Resolution to go into the election of Judges and other officers on Wednesday next,

Adopted by the House without amendment.

House Resolution in relation to Townships appropriated for purposes of Education,

Which was read the first time.

The Senate took a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M.

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Mr. Mays moved that a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate be appointed, to confer with a similar Committee on the part of the House, in reference to the propriety of postponing the election of Judges and other officers, agreed to for this day, and of drafting joint rules for the government of the two Houses in said election.

Which motion prevailed, and Messrs. Mays, Wright and Carter appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate.

The following message was received from the House :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
July 16, 1845. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

The House have appointed a similar Committee with that of the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Floyd, Tweed and Newsom, to meet the Committee on the part of the Senate, in reference to the propriety of postponing the election of Judges and other officers, and to draft joint rules, &c.

Your obedient servant,

M. D. PAPY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

The bill to be entitled, An Act to establish a Board of Commissioners for the regulation of County business, reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments,

Was read the first time as amended.

Mr. Houghton from the Committee on Enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled, a memorial to Congress asking remuneration for losses in the Seminole War.

The following message was transmitted to His Excellency the Governor :

SENATE CHAMBER, July 16, 1845.

To His Excellency the Governor of Florida :

I herewith transmit for the approval of your Excellency, a memorial asking remuneration of Congress for losses in the Seminole War, adopted by both Houses of the General Assembly, and signed by the officers thereof.

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS F. KING,
Secretary Senate.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1845.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and a quorum being present, the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Houghton gave notice that he would, at an early day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An Act prescribing the form of a Digest or Manual of the Laws of Florida.

Mr. Wright offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Suffrage and Elections, be instructed to prepare and report a suitable bill, to provide for the annual elections of the State, on the first Monday of October next.

Which was read the first time.

The following messages were received from His Excellency, the Governor, and read :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Tallahassee, July 16th, 1845. }

To the General Assembly of the State of Florida :

I have approved an act entitled, An Act to change the County site of Orange county.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. MOSELEY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Tallahassee, July 17, 1845. }

To the General Assembly of the State of Florida :

I have approved the memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking remuneration for losses sustained in the Seminole war.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. MOSELEY.

Also, the following :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Tallahassee, July 16, 1845. }

To the General Assembly of the State of Florida :

I have this day received from the Rev. Dr. White, of Gadsden, as a present for the Public Library, Ellicott's Journal, a work highly valuable to the State, from the important information which it contains in relation to our Northern boundary.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. MOSELEY.

Which was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Mr. Mays, from the Joint Select Committee of Conference relative to the election of Judges and other officers, made the following report;

ADDITIONAL JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

RULE 1st. In the election of Judges of the Circuit Courts, the two Houses shall act simultaneously, and the nominations made in either House, shall be communicated to the other, until a choice be made, and the result of each balloting shall also be communicated.

RULE 2nd. The candidates for Judgeship in the several circuits, shall all be put in nomination at the same time, distinguishing those for each circuit respectively; and when the names of the members are called, they shall each vote for Judges for all the circuits, beginning with the Western, and following with the Southern, the Eastern, and the Middle, in the order here named.

The Joint Select Committee of conference, have adopted the above Joint Rules for the government of the two Houses, in the election of Judges, and have agreed upon Friday next, at 12 o'clock, to go into the election of Judges of the several circuits of this State.

D. H. MAYS, Ch'n. Senate Com.

R. J. FLOYD, Ch'n. House Com.

Which first rule was concurred in.

On the question of concurrence in the second rule, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McLean and Haughton, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bell, Broward, Carter, Center, Goodbread, Hawkins, Mays and Priest—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bellamy, Haughton, McLean, Walker, Wall, White and Wright—8.

So the resolution was not concurred in.

Mr. Wright offered the following as a substitute for the resolution:

RULE 2d.—Each Judge shall be separately chosen, beginning with the Western Circuit, following with the Southern, then the Eastern, and last the Middle District.

Which was adopted.

The portion of the report in reference to going into the election on Friday next, was then concurred in, and the amendment certified to the House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The House bill to be entitled, An Act to raise a revenue for the State of Florida, and defining the duties of the assessors and collectors thereof, came up on a second reading.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said bill, Mr. McLean in the Chair, and after some time spent therein, rose and reported the bill back with amendments.

Which report was concurred in.

The Senate took a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M.

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The Senate resumed the consideration of the revenue bill.

Mr. Carter moved to strike out the words "at the rate," in the fourth line of the sixth section,

On which motion, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Carter and Broward, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bell, Broward, Carter, Center, Goodbread, Mays, Priest and Wall—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bellamy, Haughton, Hawkins, McLean, Porter, Walker, White and Wright—9.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Carter moved to strike out the 7th section of the bill.

On which motion the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Broward, Carter, Center, Goodbread, Mays, and Priest—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Bell, Haughton, Hawkins, McLean, Porter, Walker, Wall White and Wright—10.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Walker moved to strike out the words "one hundred," in the second line of the seventh section of the bill, and insert the word "fifty" in its place,

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Mays moved to strike out the word "thirty," in the fifteenth line of the fifth section of the bill, and insert "twenty" in its place.

On which motion, the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Carter and Hawkins, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bell, Carter, Center, Goodbread, Mays, Porter, Priest and White—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bellamy, Broward, Haughton, Hawkins, McLean, Walker, Wall and Wright—9.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Carter offered the following as an additional section to the bill:

SEC. 33. *Be it further enacted,* That the taxes shall be assessed, and returned, as provided for in this act; but no collection shall be made thereon, until after the meeting of the General Assembly, in November next; and in case there should be a less amount of taxes assessed and returned than will be required to defray the expense of the Government for this fiscal year, then, and in that case, the General Assembly shall add a per centum pro rata thereon, sufficient to meet such deficit; and in like manner, should there be an excess over and above the amount necessary to be raised, then, and in that case, the General Assembly shall make a reduction pro rata, on all and every article of taxable property enumerated in this act, and shall then provide for the collection accordingly.

On the adoption of which, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Carter and Wright, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bell, Broward, Carter, Center, Goodbread, Priest and Wall—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Haughton, Hawkins, Mays, McLean, Porter, Walker, White and Wright—9.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Mays moved to strike out the word "December," in the sixth line of the fifth section of the bill, and insert the word "January" in its place.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins, the words "December, 1844," in the ninth line of the fifth section of the bill, were stricken out, and the words "August, 1845" inserted in their place.

The bill was then ordered for a third reading as amended.

Mr. Haughton from the committee on enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled:

"An Act to fix the compensation of members of the General Assembly of this State," "An Act respecting the books and maps belonging to this State;" and a "Resolution respecting the boundaries of this State."

The following bills were received from the House:

Senate bill to be entitled, An Act to organize the office of Comptroller of public accounts of the State of Florida.

Passed by the House without amendment.

Senate bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for the registration of the qualified voters of the State of Florida.

Passed by the House without amendment.

Senate bill to be entitled, An Act fixing the salary of the Governor of this State, and to authorize the appointment of a Governor's Secretary and Clerk for the Executive Department, and for other purposes.

Passed by the House with amendments.

Which was placed among the Orders of the Day.

House resolution respecting term of office of members of the present General Assembly.

Which was read the first time.

Also the following message; which was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 17, 1845.

Hon. President of the Senate:

The House have concurred in the amendment by the Senate to the joint rules, reported by the Joint Select Committee, appointed in reference to the election of Judges and other officers, &c.

Respectfully,

M. D. PAPY, *Clk. Ho. Rep.*

The House bill to be entitled, An Act respecting commissions to be issued to the officers of this State by the Governor thereof, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Carter, the words "and Commander in Chief

of the Army and Navy thereof," in the 28th and 29th line of said bill were stricken out.

The House bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for ascertaining, securing and increasing the fund applicable to purposes of education in this State,

Was read the second time and laid on the table.

The bill to be entitled, An Act to give effect to the provisions of the Constitution of this State respecting corporations and associations claiming to exercise corporate privileges within this State, came up on a second reading and

Was laid on the table and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the House bill to be entitled, An Act to organize the county of Wakulla, to define the boundaries thereof, and for other purposes, Mr. Mays in the chair, and after some time spent therein, rose and reported the bill back with amendments.

Which report was concurred in.

The bill to be entitled, An Act to organize the office of Attorney General of the State of Florida, came up with the amendments made by the House.

Which amendments were concurred in by the Senate.

The bill to be entitled, An Act for the advancement of education, and for the location of the land granted by Congress for seminaries of learning.

Was read the second time.

Mr. Haughton moved to postpone the bill until Monday next.

Which motion was lost.

The House bill to be entitled, An Act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Board of Commissioners of Pilotage for the port of Key West, &c.,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Wall, laid on the table.

The House resolution in relation to the construction of a levee at St. Marks, was read the third time, and passed without amendment.

The bill to be entitled, An Act supplementary to, and extending the provisions of an act, assenting to the purchase by the United States of, and ceding to the same jurisdiction of certain lands on the Island of Key-West, for the purposes designated in said act, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bell, Broward, Carter, Center, Goodbread, Haughton, Hawkins, Mays, McLean, Porter, Priest, Wall, White and Wright—15

Nays—None.

So the bill passed. Title as stated.

The House bill to be entitled, An act to fix permanently the county seat of Calhoun county, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bell, Broward, Carter, Center, Goodbread, Haughton, Hawkins, Mays, McLean, Priest, Wall, White and Wright—14.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed. Title as stated.

The House resolution respecting memorials and petitions, &c., came up on a second reading, and was laid on the table.

The House resolution in relation to Townships, appropriated for purposes of Education, &c., was read a second time, the rule waived, read a third time, and passed without amendment.

The bill to be entitled, An Act to establish a Board of County Commissioners for the regulation of county business,

Was read a second time.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1845.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and a quorum being present, the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The following message and bills and resolutions therein named, were transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor :

SENATE CHAMBER, July 18, 1845.

His Excellency the Governor of Florida :

I herewith transmit for the approval of your Excellency, the following bills and resolution passed by both Houses of the General Assembly, and signed by the officers thereof :

A bill to be entitled, An Act respecting the Books and Maps belonging to this State.

A bill to be entitled, An Act to fix the compensation of members of the General Assembly.

Resolution respecting the boundaries of this State.

Your obedient servant,

THO'S. F. KING, Sec'y Senate.

Agreeably to previous notice, Mr. Haughton obtained leave, and introduced a bill to be entitled, An Act prescribing the form of a Digest or Manual of the laws of this State.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Priest from the Committee on Boundary, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Boundaries, to whom was referred the communication of his Excellency the Governor, announcing the reception by him of "Ellicott's Journal," presented to the State by the Rev. Dr. White, of Gadsden County, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved by the General Assembly, That the thanks of the State be, and they are hereby presented to the Rev. Dr. White for the rare and valuable work above mentioned.

GABRIEL PRIEST, Chairman.

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Broward offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to forward a copy of the memorial asking of Congress remuneration for losses in the Seminole war, to our Senators in Congress.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mays from the Joint Select Committee to whom was referred the report and resolutions of the State of Connecticut, made the following

REPORT :

Deeply impressed with the importance and delicacy of the subject, it is with a sense of profound regret that the joint committee, to whom were referred a report and sundry resolutions of the Legislature of Connecticut, have directed their consideration to the controversy between the States of South Carolina and Massachusetts. Florida, desirous of maintaining the most cordial relations with her sister States, would not have volunteered to become the arbitress of their difficulties—aware that such a course would but tend to increase the animosities and jealousies of the disputants, and inevitably have made her a party thereto. Controlled by the most pacific disposition, hoping that the necessity might not arise for the exercise of her offices of pacification, she would, had not the matter been pressed upon her in such a manner by the Legislature of Connecticut as seems to demand a response, have maintained an attitude of strict neutrality.

The reluctance of the committee to discuss this subject is the more increased, that a topic so calculated to weaken the bonds of union between sister States, should be agitated when the universal American mind should be controlled by a universal American feeling. At this interesting conjuncture of American affairs in their foreign relations—while the Oregon question is unsettled, and the people of Texas trampling beneath them the tricks, intrigues and shallow devices of foreign diplomatists, disregarding their threats, and scorning their bribes, are on the eve of consummating the union of that Republic with the American Confederacy, the clamor of family dissension should be stilled, and ALL should prepare to repulse foreign aggression, sustain the rights, and maintain the honor and integrity of the Union.

The committee hold that the General government is a government of limited powers ; that the Federal Union is a compact between the States for general and specific purposes, mentioned in the Federal Constitution; that it is the creature and not the creator, and is invested with no authority beyond the delegated powers, all other powers remaining with the States respectively, and the peo-