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The following bills, reported to the Senate this morning, was called up and postponed until to-morrow, viz:

A bill entitled an act to exempt certain persons from the payment of capitation tax; also,

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of aged, idiotic insane or crippled persons from paying a poll tax in this state, also

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of Treasurers certificates, also

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Buckingham Smith, also,

A bill to be entitled an act taxing law suits to pay jurors.

The Senate received from the house a bill to be entitled an act to change the names of William Jefferson Cauthon and others therein named, which was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow; also,

Preamble and resolutions in relation to the haul-over on the Atlantic Coast, which was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

On motion the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 8th December, 1846.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and a quorum being present the journals of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Mr. Austin gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill, limiting and restricting the period of the Sessions of the General Assembly of this state.

Mr. Johnson gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to regulate patrols in this state and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Kelly a committee on the part of the Senate of two were appointed on the subject of the Joint Rules adopted by the two Houses.

Messrs. Kelly and Carter were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Bird a resolution relating to the Chaplain of

the Senate, and a report and resolution relative to the great seal of the state, were taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Broward pursuant to previous notice introduced a bill to be entitled an act authorizing judges of the Circuit Courts in this state to hold extra terms of their courts for the trial of criminal prosecutions, which was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Lorimer pursuant to previous notice introduced a bill providing for the payment of solicitor's fees and designating the mode of collecting the same, which was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Goodbread offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring,) proceed to the election of a Judge of the circuit court on Saturday at 12 o'clock, M., to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of the Hon. G. W. McRae.

Which was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

Resolution by Mr. Kelly,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, of the state of Florida, in General Assembly convened, That the General Assembly adjourn sine die on the 12th inst., which was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Broward from the committee on elections to which was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act relative to elections in this state, reported said bill to the senate without amendment, which bill was placed among the orders.

Mr. Fairbanks from the Judiciary committee made the following report:

The Judiciary committee to whom was referred the bill to be entitled "an act to authorize the payment of jurors," and also of the bill to be entitled "an act to provide for the payment of grand and petit jurors, &c.," have had the same under consideration and

REPORT: That although less objectionable in the mode and amount of the tax proposed to be assessed they still fall in part within the scope of the views expressed by the committee in their report upon the bill referred to them, entitled "an act taxing lawsuits to pay jurors," and reported by them on the 6th inst. The committee find the provisions of the two bills nearly alike and return the same without amendment, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

G. R. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.

Which was read and the same with the bills reported on placed among the orders.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A resolution on the subject of the claim of capt. W. H. Payne's

company, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act so to amend the constitution of this state as to extend to all free white male inhabitants being citizens of the United States who shall have resided in the state one year, the elective franchise, came up on its third reading; on the question shall this bill pass? the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Goodbread, Johnson, Lorimer, McLean, McMillan, Priest, Tabor, and White—15.

Nay—Mr. Kelly—1.

So the bill passed with the title as stated, and ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A resolution relative to the adjournment of the General Assembly sine die on 23d December, 1846, came up on its second reading.

Mr. Carter moved to strike out the '23d' and insert '21st' instead thereof, which was ordered by the Senate.

Mr. Kelly moved to postpone the further consideration of said resolution until the 21st inst., which motion was refused.

Mr. Carter then moved that the resolution be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow, on which motion the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Kelly and Fairbanks and were

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Goodbread, Johnson, McLean, McMillan and White—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Bird, Fairbanks, Kelly, Lorimer, Priest, and Tabor—7.

So the motion prevailed and the order made accordingly.

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Buckingham Smith was read a third time, and on the question, shall this bill pass? the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Bird, Bradley, Broward, Carter, Fairbanks, Goodbread, Johnson, Kelly, Lorimer, McLean, McMillan, Priest, Tabor and White—16.

Nays—0

So the bill passed unanimously with the title as stated, and ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled an act so to amend the constitution of this state as to make the sessions of the Legislature biennial instead of annual came up in its order.

The Senate in committee of the whole, Mr. Carter in the chair; resumed the consideration of said bill; after some time the committee rose and reported the bill back to the House as amended.

Which report was received and the bill recommitted to the committee on amendments and revisions of the constitution.

A bill entitled an act taxing lawsuits to pay jurors; also

A bill to provide for the payment of grand and petit jurors; also

An act to authorize the payment of jurors;

Which several bills were read by their title and 75 copies of each ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Augustine Fire Engine company on its third reading was recommitted to the committee on corporations.

An act to provide for the payment of Treasurer's certificates was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill from the House to be entitled an act to legitimate and change the names of William Jefferson Cauthon and others therein named, was read the second time.

On motion the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Fairbanks in the chair; after some time spent in the consideration thereof, the committee rose, reported the bill to the Senate without amendment, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof. Which report was received and the bill referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock, P. M.

A quorum being present, the Senate proceeded with the
ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A Bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of aged, idiotic, insane or crippled persons from paying a poll tax in this State, was read a second time.

Mr. White moved the bill be laid on the table, on which motion the ayes and nays were called by Messrs. Broward and Bird and were

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Kelly, and White—3

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Bradley, Broward, Fairbanks, Goodbread, Johnson, McLean, McMillan, Priest, and Tabor—11.

So the motion was refused.

On motion, the Senate went into Committee of the whole on said bill, Mr. White in the chair, after some time the Committee rose, and reported bill back to the Senate with amendments, which report was received and the bill, ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled, an act to exempt certain persons from the payment of capitation tax, was read and laid on the table.

Preamble and Resolutions, in relation to the Haul-Over on the Atlantic Coast, was read a second time, and ordered for to-morrow.

Resolution relating to the Chaplain of the Senate was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

Resolution relating to the great seal of the state was read a second time.

Mr. Fairbanks moved to amend said resolution by striking out

all after the word "state" in the 5th line and insert in lieu thereof as follows: "That the same is not as perfect as it is desirable that the great seal of the state should be, and that the same be returned to the governor with the request that he will procure the execution of another seal;" which motion was lost, and the resolution ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act relative to elections in this state was called up and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

Preamble and resolutions from the House in relation to a Light House at or near the mouth of the Suwannee river, was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 8th, 1846.

Hon. President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the Preamble and Resolution asking Congress to grant to the State of Florida, the Barracks at St. Augustine.

Very Respectfully, your obedient servant,

M. D. PAPY, *Clerk Ho. of Rep.*

Which was read.

Having gone through with the orders the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 9th, 1846.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment; a quorum being present, the journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

Mr. White gave notice that he will, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to authorize Jesse Coe to establish a ferry across the Apalachicola river, near Aspalaga, in Gadsden county.

Mr. Fairbanks from the Judiciary made the following reports viz:

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the bill entitled an act to authorize Reason F. Swilley administrator of Calvin E. Swilley to sell the real estate of said deceased at private sale

REPORT: That it is represented to them that the said Calvin E. Swilley died possessed of no other real estate than the 16th part of a section of land in Hamilton county, mentioned in the bill; that the children of said Swilley are none of them over the age of ten years; that said land is 2d or 3d rate land, and with the small improvement on the same will become almost valueless unless occupied or sold. That the expense of selling the same at public sale as required by law would nearly absorb the whole amount which the land would probably bring. Under these circumstances the committee would recommend the passage of the bill with the following proviso thereto: "Provided that such adminis-