

Micanopy Plank Road Company be taken from the table and placed among the Orders of the Day ;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cone, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, December 15, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following bills which had passed the Senate, were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz :

A bill to be entitled, An Act to incorporate the Pilatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company ;

A bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act amendatory of an act to establish a Mayor's Court in the City of Apalachicola ;

A bill to be entitled, An act to enforce the violations of the Sabbath Day in Monroe County ;

A bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the drainage of Alachua Savannah ;

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Dr. Algernon S. Speer and Arthur Ginn.

On motion of Mr. Brinson, the memorial from the citizens of Hillsborough County, in regard to retailing Spirituous Liquors, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Myrick introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to regulate the performance of the duties of the Supreme Court of this State, &c ;

Which was placed among the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Nicholson introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize William Webb to establish a ferry across Escambia Bay ;

Was was received and placed among Orders of the Day.

Also the following :

A bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Lagoon and Perdido Canal Company ;

Which was placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Brinson, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to remove the obstructions to the Navigation of the Suwannee River ;

Which was received and placed among the Orders of the Day.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Hopkins allowed, without previous notice, to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to

amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville and Alligator Plank Road Company ;

Which was placed among the Orders of the Day, and the memorial of the Grand Jury of Duval County, in relation to the same, referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Kilcrease gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize Charles B. Longworth, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate.

Mr. Long, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred " a bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to the Supreme and Circuit Court Judges of this State," have had the same under consideration, and have instructed the undersigned to

REPORT :

That in the opinion of the Committee no valid reason exists for the passage of the same. The Judges of Florida are at present prohibited, by law, from trying causes in which they have been engaged as Counsel, or in which they are interested. The Committee seriously doubt the power and policy of Legislative interference, on a matter so exclusively addressing itself to the Judges' own sense of delicacy or propriety. Until it shall be deemed necessary to forbid, by law, all Judges of this State from attending to any private business or pursuit, the Committee cannot see the propriety of prohibiting a Judge to pursue a lawful business of one particular kind. The Committee, therefore, unanimously instruct the undersigned to recommend that said bill do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Wynn, from the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, made the following Report :

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled " An Act to authorize Revenue Officers to pay over Poll Tax to County Commissioners, and for other purposes," have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT :

That having examined the Report of the Treasurer of this State for the last fiscal year, they find the receipts from all sources of Revenue were \$62,801.51, while the payments during the same time were \$62,233 51, leaving a balance of only \$568 in the Treasury. And also having ascertained from the Office of the Comptrol-

ler that the revenue arising from Poll or Capitation Tax amounts to \$4,183.85, which if taken from the whole Revenue would leave it insufficient for the purposes of Government, they are of the opinion that the bill should not pass.

The same objections present themselves to the passage of a bill to be entitled "An Act to abolish the Tax now laid on certain subjects of Taxation," which was also referred to said Committee, and they therefore report unfavorably to the passage of said Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. WYNN,

Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Filor, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following Bills as correctly Engrossed:

A Bill to be entitled An Act in relation to slaves and free persons of color;

A Bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Dr. C. A. Hentz;

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the third and eighth Sections of the sixth Article of the Constitution of this State.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,

Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the Bills placed among the Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act entitled an act to amend the several acts concerning Licenses to retail Spirituous Liquors, approved January 8, 1853;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Jose Vigil;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Crigler, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives. House bill to be entitled, An Act for the relief of Henry Christy, and Theophilus Higginbotham;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Crigler, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled, An Act for the relief of Judges of Probate and for other purposes;

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Myrick, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

House bill to be entitled, An Act to empower Malcolm Nicholson, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

Was read a first time;

When on motion of Mr. Tracy, the rule was waived, the bill read a second and third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Crigler, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—15.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled, An Act to authorize B. T. Jordan to build a Bridge across the Suwannee River and for other purposes;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Long permitted, without previous notice, to introduce a bill to be entitled, An Act to authorize Thomas H. Willis, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

Which bill was placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled, An Act to amend the Act regulating Common Law proceedings;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled, An Act granting certain Lands to the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company;

Came up on its second reading, when on motion of Mr. Hawes, it was informally passed over.

A bill to be entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Lagoon and Perdido Canal Company;

Was read the first time.

And on motion, the rule was waived, read a second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled, An Act to regulate the performance of its duties of the Supreme Court of this State, and to change the time and place for holding the terms thereof;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion, referred to a select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Myrick, Eppes, Long, Provence and Tracy.

A bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to the Supreme and Circuit Court Judges of this State;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An Act to amend the Third and Eighth Sections of the Sixth Article of the Constitution of this State;

Was read three several times the third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Eppes, Filor and Provence—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Crigler, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—13.

So said bill was lost.

Engrossed bill to be entitled An act in relation to a Road Tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cone, Crigler, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Dr. C. A. Hentz;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cone, Crigler, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Tracy and Wynn—12.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An act to abolish the Tax now laid on certain subjects of Taxation;

Was read the second time, and on motion, was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize the respective officers collecting the Revenue of this State, to pay over the Capitation or Poll Tax, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize William Webb to establish a Ferry across the Escambia Bay;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill, to be entitled An act to authorize Thomas H. Willis to assume the management of his own estate;

Was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act to remove the obstructions to the navigation of the Suwannee River;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend An act entitled An act to incorporate the Jacksonville and Alligator Plank Road Company;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion, was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Hopkins, Cone and Hawes.

Engrossed bill to be entitled An act in relation to slaves and free persons of color;

Was read the third time, upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Tracy and Wynn—12.

Nays—Messrs. Crigler, Filor, Gillis and Provence—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 16, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following bills which had passed the Senate, were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Henry Christy and Theophilus Higginbotham;

House bill to be entitled An act to empower Malcolm Nicholson, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Jose Vigil;

A bill to be entitled An act in relation to a road tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion;

A bill to be entitled An act in relation to slaves and free persons of color;

A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Dr. C. A. Hentz.