

Mr. Bird announced the death of John Franklin Dewitt, a member of the House of Representatives from Jefferson County.

On motion, as a tribute of respect to his memory, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, January 4, 1855.

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.

Mr. Eppes, according to previous notice, introduced a Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the General Act for the Incorporation of Towns, Academies, Religious Societies, &c., approved January 6th, 1847;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Long gave notice that he would on to-morrow or some future day ask leave to introduce a Bill for the relief of "Chaney," a free woman of color.

Mr. Provence gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act to change the name of Oliver Price to that of Oliver Delk, and for other purposes.

Mr. Hopkins introduced a Petition from the Masters of steamers and vessels trading on the St. Johns River, in relation to the pay of Pilotage, &c.;

Which was read, and on motion laid on the table.

Mr. Provence presented a Communication from John Trantham, a Justice of the Peace;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hawes presented the Memorial of Bennett & Teasdel and others, asking that the law taxing Foreign Insurance Companies be repealed;

Which was read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

Mr. Filor presented a Communication from W. C. Malony, in regard to delivery of liquor to Negroes and Mulattoes;

Which was read, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cone presented the Memorial of M. Whit Smith and others, in regard to the Jacksonville and Alligator Plank Road Company;

Which was read, and on motion laid on the table.

Mr. Cone also presented a Petition from the citizens of Columbia County, asking that Elisha Carter be placed on an equal footing with other Physicians of this State;

Which was read, and on motion laid on the table.

Mr. Myrick offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That from and after Saturday next, the 6th instant, no other Bills or Resolutions shall be introduced during the present Session of the Legislature.

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

Mr. Provence, from the Committee on Census and Apportionment, made the following Report:

The Committee on Census and Apportionment, to whom was referred the Bill to Organize the County of Manatee, have had the same under consideration, and through me, their Chairman, report back the Bill without amendment, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

D. PROVENCE,

Chairman.

Which was 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 have examined the following Bill, and find the same correctly engrossed:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to extend the Limitation of Merchants' Accounts in this State.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,

Chairman.

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

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following Report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Dr. Wm. S. Wilson and Dr. Etheldridge Philips, with sundry proposed amendments, ask leave, through their Chairman, to

REPORT:

That they have taken the case in hand, and after investigation find that, according to the best of their information, service was perfected, and have reported a bill in lieu of the original, embracing the several cases therein set forth, and ask its adoption.

Very respectfully,

JAMES W. SMITH, Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bill, together with the substitute, were placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Long, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following Report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined and find correctly enrolled, An Act to authorize Thomas H. Willis of Leon county, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate.

M. A. LONG, Chairman.

Which was read.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 2, 1855. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir :—The House has concurred in Senate amendments to the following Bills, viz :

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to admit Anderson J. Peeler to practice law in the several Courts of this State ;

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for the appointment of Inspectors of Tar and Turpentine in this State ; and

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State.

The House has also concurred in the report of the Joint Select Committee of Conference, upon amendments to Senate Bill to be entitled An Act governing Judges of Probate in certain cases.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read, and the Senate Bill as amended ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 3, 1855. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir :—The House has passed the following Bills and Resolution, viz :

A Bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the re-establishment of the Records of St. Lucie County ;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on State Lands, approved December 31, 1852 ;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Elijah Johnson & Co. to establish a Ferry across the Chattahoochee River ;

A Bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the sale of the State Lands lying on the disputed boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida ;

A Bill to be entitled an Act relative to depositions taken under Commission ;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to make permanent the County Site of Holmes County at a place known as Bear Pen Bluff, in said County ;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Charles Irvin Vincan, and for other purposes ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act approved November 21, 1828, providing for the appointment of Inspectors of Lumber in the various Counties of this State ;

Resolution authorizing the Governor to contract for the transportation of the Laws and Journals of the present General Assembly, and for other purposes ; and

Senate Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent fraudulent voting, with the following amendment, viz :

Strike out "Circuit," between the words "the" and "in," in the 9th line, and insert "County."

In which amendment the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the House Bills and Resolution and Senate Bill with amendments placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A Bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a Bank in the City of Tallahassee ;

Came up, and on motion of Mr. Provence, the Senate again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of the Bill—Mr. Tracy in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the Committee rose, and through their Chairman reported the Bill back to the Senate, with sundry amendments, and recommended its passage ;

Which report was concurred in, and the Bill as amended read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Long, said Bill was laid on the table, and made the special order of the day for Monday next.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 4, 1855. }

Honorable President of the Senate :

Sir :—The following Resolution has been adopted by the House, viz :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, (the Senate concurring) That the General Assembly proceed to the election of Clerk of the Supreme Court, Comptroller, Treasurer and State Engineer and Geologist, at 12½ o'clock.

In which Resolution the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,
HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the Resolution was laid on the table until to-morrow.

Mr. Provence moved that a Committee be appointed to inform the House that the Senate refuses to concur in the said Resolution ;

Which motion prevailed, and Messrs. Provence, Kilcrease and Eppes were appointed said Committee ;

Who, upon their return, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and asked to be discharged ;

Which was granted.

On motion of Mr. Long, a Bill to be entitled an Act concerning Interest was taken from the table and read the second time.

Mr. Myrick moved to strike out the word "six" and insert in lieu thereof "seven."

Which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Long moved to strike out the first section of the bill ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Long and Myrick, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long and Smith—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence and Tracy—10.

So the section was not stricken out.

Ordered that the bill be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Kilcrease moved that the Bill to prevent the deduction of two pounds of cotton per bale, be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day ;

Which was agreed to.

House Resolution asking Congress to grant to the several Counties the sixteenth sections within their limits ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Hopkins, Kilcrease and Provence—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Long, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—11.

So the Resolution was lost.

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

House Bill to be entitled, an Act for the relief of purchasers of Swamp or Internal Improvement Lands from the United States ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence and Tracy—14.

Nays—Messrs. Hawes and Smith—2.

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 to amend an Act entitled an Act to raise a revenue for the State of Florida, and defining the duties of the Collectors and Assessors thereof, approved January 24, 1845 ;

Was read the second time, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

A Bill to be entitled, an Act to authorize Celestino Gonzalez to establish a wharf in the city of Pensacola ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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

On motion of Mr. Long, a Bill to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, was taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

A Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Gregory Yneistra and F. B. Bobe to establish a wharf in the city of Pensacola ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—16.

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 regulate the Pilotage of the Bar of the River St. Johns ;

Was read the second time, and on motion was referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Hopkins, Filor and Kilcrease, together with the Memorial of Masters of Steamers and Vessels trading on the River St. Johns.

A Bill to be entitled an Act granting aid to the County of Putnam to build a Court House and Jail ;

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Myrick a call of the Senate was had.

The following Senators answered to the call, viz:

Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Eppes, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick and Smith.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to request the attendance of the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Gillis, further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Long moved to amend the first Section by striking out "seven" and inserting "eight, payable semi-annually," between the words "at" and "for," in the fourth line;

Which was adopted.

Ordered that said Bill as amended be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled an Act to amend the General Act for the incorporation of Towns, Academies, Religious Societies, &c., approved January 6, 1847;

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

Mr. Myrick moved that the Senate take a recess until 7 o'clock this evening;

Which was lost.

Mr. Myrick moved that the Senate take a recess until 3 o'clock; Which was lost.

Mr. Filor moved that the Senate adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Gillis and Tracy, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Eppes, Filor and Long—6.

Nays—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—10.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Provence moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Provence, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Long and Provence—7.

Nays—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—9.

So the motion was lost.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to organize the County of Manatee;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—15.

Nays—Mr. Myrick—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

Engrossed Bill to be entitled an Act to extend the limitation of Merchants' accounts in this State;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—15.

Nays—Mr. Provence—1.

So the 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 Doctor William S. Wilson and Doctor Philips;

Came up, and on motion the substitute recommended by the Committee was adopted in lieu of the original Bill;

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to amend an act, approved November 21, 1828, providing for the appointment of inspectors of Lumber in the various Counties of this State;

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

Senate Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent fraudulent voting, with House amendments thereto;

Came up in order, and on motion of Mr. Hopkins, the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives, and that the Bill as amended be enrolled.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to amend an act entitled an act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on State Lands, approved December 31, 1852;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, and read the second time by its title.

Mr. Cone moved to amend said Bill by inserting the word "quarter" between the words "exceed" and "one," in the 1st Section;

Which was agreed to.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Elijah Johnson & Co. to establish a Ferry across the Chattahoochee River;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second and third times by its title, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :
Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—16.

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 authorizing the sale of the State Lands lying on the disputed boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida ;

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the establishment of the Records of St. Lucie County ;

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act to make permanent the County site of Holmes County, at a place known as Bear Pen Bluff in said County ;

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act relative to depositions taken under Commission ;

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

House Bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Charles Irvin Vincan, and for other purposes ;

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

House Resolution authorizing the Governor to contract for the transportation of the Laws and Journals of the present General Assembly, and for other purposes ;

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

A Bill to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, with House amendments thereto ;

Came up in order.

On motion of Mr. Myrick, the amendments made by the House were concurred in.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives, and the bill, as amended, be enrolled.

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

FRIDAY, January 5, 1855.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present ;

On motion of Mr. Tracy, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

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

A Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Gregory Yneistra and F. B. Bobe to establish a wharf in the city of Pensacola ;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Celestino Gonzales to establish a wharf in the city of Pensacola ;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to extend the limitation of Merchants' accounts in this State ;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to organize the County of Manatee, without amendment ;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Elijah Johnson & Co. to establish a Ferry across the Chattahoochee River, without amendment ; and

House Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of purchasers of Swamp or Internal Improvement Lands from the United States, without amendment.

The concurrence of the Senate to House amendments to the following Bills were likewise transmitted, viz :

A Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent fraudulent voting ; and

A Bill to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding Circuit Court of Calhoun County.

On motion of Mr. Myrick, Mr. Cone was excused from attendance on the Senate after Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Filor, Mr. Criglar was excused after the 12th inst.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined and find correctly engrossed the following bills :

A Bill to be entitled an Act to amend the general Act for the Incorporation of Towns, Academies and Religious Societies, approved January 6, 1847 ;

A Bill to be entitled an Act concerning Interest ;

A Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Dr. William S. Wilson and others ;

A Bill to be entitled an Act granting aid to the County of Putnam to build a Court House and Jail.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR, Chairman.