

Which report was concurred in.
On motion of Mr. Eppes, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, January 1, 1855.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chairman.

A quorum being present;

On motion of Mr. Brinson, the reading of the Journal of Saturday was dispensed with.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Hawes introduced a Bill to be entitled An Act granting aid to the County of Putnam to build a Court House and Jail;

Which was placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Cone presented a Petition from citizens of Columbia County, in relation to the Claim of William Rawlerson and Ransom Foster for loss of horses in the Service;

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Cone, the Petition was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Provence presented a Memorial from M. Whit Smith, in relation to the Estate of William Crawford;

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Provence, the Memorial was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

The following Message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, December 29, 1854. }

HON. H. V. SNELL,
President of the Senate :

SIR:—I have approved and signed the following Senate Bills:

An Act to repeal Section Four of an Act to establish and organize a Mayor's Court for the City of Apalachicola, approved January 5, 1853;

An Act in relation to a Road Tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion;

An Act to establish a Ferry at Brown's Ferry, in Jackson County;

An Act to allow the Supreme and Circuit Courts of this State to hold Extra Terms, &c.;

An Act to enforce the Laws against Violations of the Sabbath Day in Monroe County;

An Act for the Relief of Doctor C. A. Hentz;

An Act in relation to Evidence.

Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read.

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined and report as correctly enrolled the following:

An Act to authorize the drainage of Alachua Savannah;

An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act to permanently fix the Election Precincts in the County of Columbia, and to repeal certain Acts therein named, approved January 8, 1853;

An Act to empower Charles H. Longworth, of Gadsden County, to manage his own estate;

An Act to amend An Act in relation to Pilotage at the Port of Key West;

An Act to authorize William Webb to establish a Ferry across Escambia Bay;

An Act to authorize Thomas H. Willis, of Leon County, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

An Act to prevent white persons from gaming with negroes, or other persons of color;

Resolution in relation to a Mail Route from Tallahassee, via Sopchoppy, in Wakulla County, to White Bluff, or Pickettsville, at the mouth of Crooked River, on the Apalachicola Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,
Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Mr. Eppes, from the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, made the following Report;

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution, to whom was referred A Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend the Fifth Section of the Sixth Article of the Constitution of this State, have had the same under consideration, and instructed the undersigned to report the same bill back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

T. J. EPPES, Chairman.

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

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

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of reducing the Tax on Saw-Mills, beg leave to report, that in their opinion the present tax on saw-mills is too great, and recommend that it be reduced to ten cents on every hundred dollars value of such property.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HOPKINS, Chairman.

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

Mr. Hopkins from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas E. Harvin,

REPORT:

Up to this date the statement made therein remains wholly unsubstantiated by other testimony, therefore, the Committee return the Petition and accompanying papers back to the Senate, and ask to be discharged.

EDWARD HOPKINS, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Hopkins from the Committee on Conference made the following report:

The Joint Select Committee to whom was referred An Act governing Judges of Probate in certain cases, have agreed to

REPORT:

That they have examined the same and concur in the two first sections of said bill as amended by the House, striking out the third.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HOPKINS, 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 a Resolution relative to copying the Laws of the present Session, and find the same correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR, Chairman.

Which was read and the Resolution placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House Resolution in relation to Mail Route;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Brinson moved to amend the same by adding the following resolution:

Be it further resolved, That our Senators be instructed and our Representative be requested, to procure from Congress an extension of the Post Route now established from Stillipica, in Madison County, to Finnholloway, as far as to Spring Warrior, and that they urge upon the proper department the necessity of establishing the Post Route from Madison Court House via Cook's Hammock, Troy, Boston, Old Town, to Clay Landing in Levy County.

Which was adopted and the amendment ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to change the name and establish the County of St. Lucie;

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

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

Nays—Mr. Cone—1.

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 concerning Spirituous Liquors;

Came up on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins the same was indefinitely postponed.

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

Engrossed Resolution asking Congress to amend the law in reference to the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning in this State and for other purposes;

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, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Provence, Smith and Tracy—13.

Nays—Messrs. Hawes and Nicholson—2.

So the Resolution passed.

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

Engrossed Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend an Act now in force in relation to the partition of Estates real and personal;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—13.

Nays—None.

So said Bill passed, title as stated.

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

Engrossed Bill to be entitled, An Act for the relief of Doctor William S. Wilson and Doctor Philips;

Came up on its third reading.

On motion the rule was waived and Mr. Provence moved to add the following amendments to the same, viz:

“Doctor R. H. Shaffer his account for fifty dollars, William A. Brinson one hundred and twenty-five dollars, John H. Pope twenty-five dollarz and E. H. McDonald twenty-five dollars.”

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Provence, the rule was waived and the Bill referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled, An Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to restore the force and operation of the general laws of this State, in relation to the migration of Free Persons of Color into this State, approved December 15th, 1854;

Came up on its third reading.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Hopkins moved to amend the Fourth Section by striking out the words "Duval and Escambia";

Which was adopted.

The Bill as amended 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 extend the Limitation of Merchants' Accounts in this State;

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

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

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion of Mr. Hawes, referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

House Resolution relative to Copying the Laws of the present Session;

Was read the first time, the rule waived and read the second time.

Mr. Hopkins moved to amend the Resolution by striking out the words "same compensation," in the 6th line, and inserting the words "sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars" in lieu thereof;

Also strike out all of the words after the word "service," in the 7th line;

Which was adopted, and the amendment ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the Fifth Section of the Sixth Article of the Constitution of this State;

Was read three times as on its second reading.

Mr. Long moved its indefinite postponement;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Nicholson and Tracy—8.

Nays—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Myrick, Provence and Smith—5.

So the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

Engrossed Resolution relative to Copying the Laws of the present Session;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson and Provence—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Criglar, Hawes, Smith and Tracy—5.

So the Resolution passed.

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

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

Was read the third time as amended, and on the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Criglar, Hawes, Long, Myrick, Nicholson and Tracy—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Cone, Hopkins, Provence and Smith—5.

So the Bill passed as amended, title as stated.

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act to Amend the Revenue Act concerning Saw Mills;

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act governing Judges of Probate in certain cases, with House amendment;

Came up in order.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the amendments proposed by the Committee of Conference to whom it had been referred, were concurred in.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 1, 1855. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The following Bills and Resolutions have passed the House, viz:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to Organize the County of Manatee;

A Bill to be entitled An Act for the Relief of Purchasers of Swamp and Internal Improvement Lands from the United States;

A Bill to be entitled An Act to extend Political Equality to Ignatio Phalez and others;

Resolution to bring on the Election of State Officers;

Preamble and Resolutions asking Congress to grant to the County of Hillsborough the Military Reserve, embracing Fort Brooke, for a Commercial Railroad Depot;

Resolution asking Congress to grant to the several Counties the Sixteenth Sections within their limits.

The House has concurred in Senate amendment to House Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the City of St. Augustine, approved 4th February, 1833.

Senate Bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the Institution of Suits before Justices of the Peace in Santa Rosa County, has been lost in the House.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the House Bills and Resolutions ordered to be placed among the Orders of the Day.

House Resolution to bring on the Election of State Officers;

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

House Resolution asking Congress to grant the several Counties the Sixteenth Sections within their limits;

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

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

Was read the first time, the rule waived, the bill read the second time, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Census and Apportionment.

House Resolutions asking Congress to grant to the County of Hillsborough the Military Reserve, embracing Fort Brooke, for a Commercial Railroad Depot;

Were read the first time, the rule waived, the Resolutions read the second and third time, and upon the question of their passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—13.

Nays—None.

So the Resolutions passed.

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

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to extend political equality to Ignatio Phalez and others;

Was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins the rule was waived, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

On motion of Mr. Long, House Bill entitled An Act to provide

for the appointment of Inspectors of Tar and Turpentine in this State, was taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the same—Mr. Hawes in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and through their Chairman reported the bill back with an amendment, and asked to be discharged.

Which was concurred in, and the bill as amended read the second and third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Hawes, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—12.

Nays—Mr. Hopkins—1.

So said Bill passed as amended—title as stated.

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

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

TUESDAY, January 2, 1855.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present;

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

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend an Act now in force in relation to the Partition of Estates, Real and Personal;

House Bill to be entitled An Act to change the name and establish the County Site of St. Lucie County;

House Bill to be entitled An Act to admit Anderson J. Peeler to practice Law in the several Courts of this State, with enclosed amendment;

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

A Resolution asking Congress to amend the Law in reference to the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning in this State, and for other purposes;

Resolution relative to Copying the Laws of the present Session;

Preamble and Resolutions asking Congress to grant to the County