

House resolution relative to the election of United States Senator,
Was read the first time.

Mr. Baldwin moved to lay said resolution on the table;

Upon which motion, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs.
Taylor and Stewart, and were,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of
Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley,
Forward, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Stewart—14.

Nays—Messrs. Johnson, Perry, Smith, Taylor—4.

Said Resolution was laid on the table.

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

FRIDAY, December 6, 1850.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Pratt officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, yesterday's proceedings were read and
approved.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Finley asked and obtained leave
to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to re-establish the Records
of the County of Jackson, and for other purposes;

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

Mr. Maxwell gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask
leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act
to compel the Judge of the Circuit Courts to hold the terms of
Court at the times and places prescribed by law, approved January
9th, 1849.

Mr. Forward moved to take from the table the Report of the
Joint Select Committee on Rules for the government of both Houses,
and place the same among the orders of the day;

Which was carried.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Maxwell introduced a bill to be
entitled, An act to re-organize the Judicial System, and to estab-
lish five Judicial Circuits;

Which was read the first time, on motion laid on the table, and
75 copies ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Smith introduced a bill to be en-
titled, An act for the relief of Levi F. Miller, of Washington County;

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

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, beg leave to report the fol-
lowing bills as correctly Engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled, An act in relation to Pilotage for the Port of
Key West.

A bill to be entitled, An act to establish the fees of Notaries Public in certain cases.

A bill to be entitled, An act to change and make more permanent the dividing line between the Counties of Santa Rosa and Walton.

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act entitled, an act concerning Practicioners of Medicine in this State, approved 10th February, 1831.

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend the 20th Section of the 5th Article of the Constitution, so as to allow the General Assembly to require the Justices of the Supreme Court, Chancellors, and Judges of the Circuit Courts to perform certain duties with regard to the subject of Education.

A bill to be entitled, An act to punish Cheats and False Pretences.

Which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN P. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Avery, from the Committee on Schools and Colleges, made the following Report, viz:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act prescribing the duty of the Register of Public Lands, Sheriffs, and Solicitors, in relation to the recovery of estates escheating or reverting to the School Fund on account of a defect of heirs or next of kin, and for other purposes, ask leave to

REPORT:

There being no person in the various Counties whose duty it is made by law to secure for the benefit of the School Fund, the property described in the bill, none of that kind of property has yet been recovered. Your Committee are of the opinion that if the law is strictly enforced, property to a considerable amount will be secured, and the School Fund be thereby much benefitted. Your Committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill.

O. M. AVERY,

Chairman of Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report;

The Committee on internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act to improve the Navigation of the Suwannee River, approved 8th January 1848, Report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the passage of the bill.

W. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman,*

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Maxwell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following Report:

The Committee on the Judiciary have instructed me to report,

that they have considered the bill referred to them, to be entitled, An act to authorize William Henry Van Horn to assume the management of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with; and are of opinion that the 3d section of said bill is useless, and should be stricken out. They recommend the passage of the bill as thus changed.

A. E. MAXWELL, *Chairman.*

Which was concurred in.

The following message was transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor :

SENATE CHAMBER, Dec. 5th, 1850.

His Excellency, Thomas Brown, Governor of Florida,

Sir—I have the honor herewith to transmit for the approval of your Excellency, the following Preamble and Resolutions, viz :

Preamble and Resolutions relative to Mr. Edmund Lafayette, passed by both Houses of the General Assembly and signed by the respective officers thereof.

Respectfully,

NEILL McPHERSON, *Sec'y. Senate.*

Mr. Forward, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills, report as correctly enrolled, An act to empower Henry B. Davis, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate ;

Also, Preamble and Resolutions relative to causes in Admiralty.

W. A. FORWARD, *Chairman.*

Which was concurred in.

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

The Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to refund to George M. Hamilton the sum of twelve dollars, the same being paid by mistake to the Tax-Collector of Santa Rosa County, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and on examination of papers in the Comptroller's office they find that there is due to the said George M. Hamilton, the sum of twelve dollars, which was paid to the Tax-Collector of St. Rosa County, through mistake. Therefore, your Committee recommend the passage of the bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. J. SMITH, *Chairman.*

Which was concurred in.

The following message from the House of Representatives was received :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 6, 1850. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

SIR :—Messrs. Finlayson, Baker, and Allen, have been appointed a Committee on the part of the House, to act with the one appointed

by the Senate, to examine and report upon the office of Register of Public Lands, so far as relates to the accounts and acts therein of Major John Beard, late Register.

Respectfully,
W. H. MILTON,
Clerk House Representatives

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act in relation to Pilotage for the Port of Key West,

Was read the third time; on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Stewart—15.

Nays—None.

Said bill passed. Title as stated,

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

The following message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, which was read.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
December 6, 1850. }

To the Honorable R. J. FLOYD,
President of the Senate:

SIR:—I have approved and signed "preamble and resolutions relative to Mr. Edmund LaFayette," which I have caused to be deposited in the office of Secretary of State.

THO. BROWN.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to change and make more permanent the dividing line between the Counties of Santa Rosa and Walton,

Was read the third time; on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Stewart, Taylor—16.

Nays—None.

Mr. McMillan moved to amend the title of said bill by striking out the word "more" in the first line;

Which motion was carried.

Said bill passed. Title as amended.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act concerning Practitioners of Medicine in this State, approved 10th February, 1831.

Was read the third time; on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Mc-Millan, Perry Smith, Stewart—14.

Nay—Mr. Moseley—1.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to amend the 20th Section of the 5th Article of the Constitution, so as to allow the General Assembly to require the Justices of the Supreme Court, Chancellors, and Judges of the Circuit Courts to perform certain duties with regard to the subject of Education,

Was read the third time; on the question of its passage the yeas and nays were,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Mc-Millan, Moseley, Perry, Smith Stewart, Taylor—16.

Nays—None.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to punish Cheats and False Pretences,

Was read the third time; on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Mc-Millan, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Stewart, Taylor—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed. Title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled, An act consolidating the Counties of Dade and Monroe for Judicial purposes,

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

A bill to be entitled, An act prescribing the duty of Register of Public Lands, Sheriffs and Solicitors, in relation to the recovery of estates escheating or reverting to the School Fund on account of a defect of heirs or next of kin and for other purposes;

On motion of Mr. Avery, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on said bill—Mr. Finley in the Chair. After some time spent therein the Committee rose, and by its Chairman, reported said bill back to the Senate with amendments, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof:

Said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act to improve the Navigation of the Suwannee River,

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to Incorporate the Escambia Plank Road Company,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Avery moved that "one hundred" be stricken out of the last line of the first section, and the words "twenty-five" be inserted;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Avery moved to amend the 10th line in the 7th section by striking out the word "the," and inserting the word "or," and striking out the word "of," in the commencement of the 11th line;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Forward moved to strike out the twelfth section and insert the following:

Section 12. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the General Assembly of this State (if they think proper) to tax the property owned by said Escambia Plank Road Company and branches, and that said tax shall be assessed and levied only in the same manner and to the same extent, as similar property owned by private citizens, and no more.

Which was adopted, and ordered to a second reading.

Bill to be entitled, An act to authorize William Henry Van Horn, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with,

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

Bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of George M. Hamilton, Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin, from the Joint Select Committee, on the part of the Senate, appointed to draft Joint Rules for the government of both Houses, reported the Joint Rules of the last session, without amendment.

Which report was concurred in, and on motion of Mr. Baldwin, 75 copies were ordered to be printed.

JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

RULE 1.—Messages from either House to the other shall be sent by such person as a sense of propriety in each House may determine.

RULE 2.—After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or by the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in one or the other House.

RULE 3.—When a bill or resolution, which shall have passed in one House is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the House in which the same may have passed.

RULE 4.—When a bill or resolution which has been passed in one

House, shall be rejected in the other, it shall not be brought in during the same session, without notice of ten days, and leave of two-thirds of that House in which it shall be moved.

RULE 5.—Each House shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded.

RULE 6.—No bill that shall have passed one House, shall be sent for concurrence to the other, on either of the last three days of the session.

RULE 7.—After each House shall have adhered to their disagreement, a bill or resolution shall be lost.

RULE 8.—When elections are required to be made by joint vote of the two Houses, the time of electing shall be previously agreed upon, and each House shall communicate the nominations therein to the other, prior to the voting.

RULE 9.—Each House shall communicate to the other the nominations, and the result of each voting.

RULE 10.—In every Joint Committee the member first named on the part of the House first proposing such Committee, shall convene the same.

RULE 11.—During the election of officers there shall be no motions entertained, except to adjourn, to proceed to vote, to nominate and to withdraw a candidate—which motions shall have precedence in the order they stand.

RULE 12.—The doings throughout shall proceed without debate.

RULE 13.—Communications shall be made on paper, and signed by the presiding officer of each House, and transmitted through the Messenger, or Doorkeeper.

RULE 14.—In every case of disagreement between the Senate and House of Representatives, either House may suggest a conference and appoint a Committee for the purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a Committee to confer at a convenient hour, to be designated by the Chairman; said Committees shall meet, and confer freely on the subject of disagreement.

RULE 15.—Whenever a public bill or resolution is ordered to be printed for the use of either House, a number shall be ordered sufficient for the use of both Houses; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, to inform the other House of such order, and to transmit to that House the requisite number of printed copies.

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to establish the Fees of Notaries Public in certain cases,

Was read the third time: on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley—11.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Buddington, Smith—3.

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend the title of said bill by adding at the end thereof, the words, "in the Counties of Monroe and Wakkulla;"

Which was carried, and said bill passed, as amended. Title as stated. Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

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

SATURDAY, December 7, 1850.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Pratt officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Forward moved to take from the table and place among the orders of the day, a bill to alter and amend the act entitled, An act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road Company;

Which motion was carried.

Mr. Brown of Columbia, moved that Mr. Stewart have leave of absence from to-day until Tuesday next;

Which was carried.

Mr. Finley moved that Mr. Austin have leave of absence from to-day until Tuesday next;

Which was granted.

Mr. Avery gave notice that he will, at a future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Brown of Columbia, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act relating to the duties of Tax Assessors and Collectors, and for other purposes, approved January 9th, 1849;

Which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Brown of Columbia, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act amendatory of the several acts now in force in relation to the assessment and collection of the Revenue, approved January 13, 1849;

Which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading on Monday.

Mr. Brown of Columbia, presented a petition for the relief of Mrs. M. A. Hardee;

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

Mr. Brown of Columbia, presented a petition for the relief of David Platt;

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