

Said bill was lost.

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of County Commissioners;

Was read the second time, and the substitute for said bill ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of William D. Branch and John H. Madison;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act unamendatory of the several acts now in force in relation to the Assessment and Collection of the Revenue, approved January 13th, 1849;

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

Resolution relative to the adjournment of the General Assembly *sine die*;

It was moved to lay said resolution on the table; on this question the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Forward and Smith, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Buddington, Crawford, Maxwell, McMillan, Smith—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brown of Columbia, Pinley, Forward, Johnson, Moseley, Stewart—6.

Said resolution was laid on the table.

Bill to be entitled, An act altering the mode and manner of Redemption of Lands purchased by the State for redemption of Taxes;

Was read the second time, and the amendment recommended by the Committee adopted, and said bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

On motion the Senate adjourned until half-past 10 o'clock, to-morrow, A. M.

FRIDAY, December 20, 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.

Mr. Maxwell moved that the bill to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Plank Road Company be placed first among the orders of the day for to-day;

Which was carried.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act approved January 13th, 1849, which provides for the election of Judges of Probate by the people;

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

Mr. Johnson moved that a bill to be entitled, An act in relation to naturalized citizens voting in this State, be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day;

Which prevailed.

Mr. Avery presented the petition of sundry citizens of Escambia County, relative to road duty;

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Avery, said petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements, with instructions to bring in a bill in accordance with the suggestions of the petitioners.

The petition of sundry citizens of Escambia County, that a law may be passed to tax negroes brought into the County of Escambia from other States, to be hired; was also presented by Mr. Avery.

Which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, with instructions to bring in a bill in accordance with the suggestions of the petitioners.

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

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to grant the right of pre-emption to persons who have settled on Sixteenth Sections in certain cases;

Also, a bill entitled, An act for the relief of William Thigpin;

Also, a bill entitled, An act for the relief of J. W. Piles; ask leave to report:

They recommend the passage of the first bill without amendment. As the passing of the first bill into a law will give the relief asked for in the two last bills, they recommend that they be not passed.

O. M. AVERY,

Chairman Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Which was received, and said bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also, the following report:

Mr. Avery, from the Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled, An act to require purchasers of State Lands to make payment therefor to the Treasurer of this State, ask leave to report: That believing it important to the proper management of the various funds alluded to in the bill, that said bill pass, they recommend its passage without amendment.

O. A. AVERY, *Chairman.*

Which was received, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

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

The Committee on Corporations, having had under consideration a bill to be entitled, An act giving to the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company the right to extend their Road into the State of

Florida with chartered privileges, instruct me to report the same back to the Senate without amendment.

W. A. FORWARD, *Chairman.*

Which was received, and said bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

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

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

A bill to be entitled, An act amendatory of the several acts now in force relating to the mode of appointment and duties of Auctioneers;

A bill to be entitled, An act enlarging the powers of County Commissioners;

A bill to be entitled, An act altering the mode and manner of redemption of lands purchased by the State for Taxes.

Which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. P. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

Which was received, and said bills ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

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

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to amend the several acts now in force in relation to pleadings in civil suits, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report;

That it sometimes works injustice that a partial failure of consideration cannot be pleaded against promissory notes. The bill is intended to remedy this evil; and the Committee think it should be passed. They recommend, however, that the last five lines of said bill be stricken out. What is by them intended to be accomplished would be the law as resulting from previous enactments on the subject of pleadings.

A. E. MAXWELL, *Chairman.*

Which was received, and said bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Perry, from the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, made the following report:

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue to whom was referred an act to amend an act relating to the duties of Tax Assessor and Tax Collector and for other purposes, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report said bill back to the Senate without amendment, and recommend the passage thereof.

M. S. PERRY,

Chairman Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

Which was received, and said bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 20th 1850.

Honorable President of the Senate :

Sir: The following bills have passed the House :

A bill entitled, An act to Incorporate a Company to be called the Wacissa and Ocilla Navigation Company;

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act amendatory to the Pilot Laws now in force in this State;

Senate bill to be entitled, An act to alter and amend the act entitled an act to Incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road Company.

Senate bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Mary A. Hardee and David Platt;

Senate bill to be entitled, An act to empower Alexander R. Godwin, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

Also, the Senate bill to be entitled, An act to locate and make permanent the County-site of Walton County, with the following amendment :

Strike out the proviso in the 4th Section, and insert the following: *Provided, however,* That the Circuit Court for the County of Walton shall be held at the Court House in Ucheana until the County-site is settled and the Court House erected as aforesaid.

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

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House Representatives.

Which was read, and said House bills ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

The House amendment to Senate bill to be entitled, An act to locate and make permanent the County-site of Walton County, was concurred in, and said Senate bills ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Baldwin moved that House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the final removal of the Indians, now remaining in Florida, beyond the limits of the State, be withdrawn from the printer and placed among the orders of the day;

Which motion was carried.

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Gadsden County, Was read the third time as amended; on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Smith, Stewart, Taylor—13.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brown of Columbia, Forward—3.

Said bill passed as amended.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the relief of Geo. W. Andrews:

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Johnson, Perry—6.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Baldwin, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, McMillan, Moseley, Smith, Stewart, Taylor—11.

Said bill was lost.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act amendatory of the several acts now in force, in relation to the assessment and collection of the Revenue, approved January 13, 1849;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of William D. Branch and John H. Madison;

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act amendatory to the Pilot laws now in force in this State;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate a Company to be called the Wacissa and Ocilla Navigation Company;

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

The Senate Resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on a bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Plank Road Company.

After some time spent in consideration of said bill, the Committee rose and by Mr. Baldwin, Chairman, reported said bill as amended.

Which report was concurred in; said bill was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act to authorize Henry Slayback to establish a ferry across Escambia Bay;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Avery moved, to strike out the word "Mulotre" in the sixth line, of the first section, and insert the word "Mulatte" in lieu thereof;

Which amendment was concurred in and said bill as amended ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the final removal of the Indians now remaining in Florida beyond the limits of the State;

Was on motion laid on the table, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act relating to the duties of Tax-Assessor and Tax-Collector, and for other purposes.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act altering the mode and manner of redemption of the lands purchased by the State for taxes;

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, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, McMillan, Maxwell, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Stewart, Taylor—18.

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 enlarging the powers of the County Commissioners,

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Perry, Smith, Stewart—14.

Nays—Messrs. Brown of Columbia, Moseley, Taylor—3.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act amendatory of the several acts, now in force, relating to the mode of appointment and duties of Auctioneers,

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, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith, Stewart, Taylor—18.

Nays—None.

Said bill passed, title as stated. Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Bill to be entitled, An act to require purchasers of State Lands to make payment therefor to the Treasurer of this State;

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to give the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company the right to extend their Road into the State of Florida with chartered privileges;

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to grant the right of Pre-emption to persons who have settled on Sixteenth Sections in certain cases;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of William Thigpen;

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

Bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of James W. Piles;

Was read, and on motion laid on the table.

Bill to be entitled, An act in relation to naturalized citizens voting in this State;

Was made the special order of the day for Monday next.

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

SATURDAY, December 21, 1850.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Pratt officiated as Chaplain.

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

Mr. Avery gave notice that he would, at a future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act requiring to be paid into the School Fund, money derived from the sale of slaves under the act of November 22, 1829.

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

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to amend the acts now in force providing for the issuing of Garnishments, have given the same their careful consideration, and have instructed me to

REPORT:

That notwithstanding the strong recommendation of said bill, by intelligent gentlemen, they do not see anything but inconvenience which could result from its passage into a law. To allow in every case, upon mere suggestion of plaintiff, the issuing of a garnishment, would give a power of annoyance to plaintiffs which would be, not only impolitic, but in many cases highly dangerous. No matter what might be the solvency of the debtor, or his ability to pay, the creditor, to gratify his malice or vengeance, would have it in his power, by this bill, to array him before the community under circumstances throwing distrust and suspicion upon his honesty, of the most unpleasant and mortifying cast. The Committee not being disposed to open a door to such a state of things, and believing that the present garnishment laws provide sufficient ways of relief for the plaintiff when the debtor is inclined to act dishonestly, recommend that the bill be not passed.

A. E. MAXWELL, *Chairman.*