

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.*

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

Mr. Maxwell reported further:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the Administrators of Henry V. Ellis, deceased, to sell real estate, have considered the same, and have instructed me to

REPORT:

That they have not been informed as to any special urgency for the granting of the authority asked. The present laws provide modes of selling the real estate of deceased persons, and if the case of the estate in question does not come within their provisions, there should be shown something making it a peculiar hardship to deny authority to sell, before the General Assembly could rightfully grant such authority. The Committee do not think special legislation in such cases at all advisable; but they beg to report the bill for such action as the Senate may deem best.

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 a bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act relating to the duties of Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors, and for other purposes, have had the same under consideration. In extending the period for closing the Tax Assessor's Books, it becomes indispensable, also to extend the period when the sums due by the Tax Collectors to the State, shall be paid. In order therefore to make the whole matter complete and perfect in all its parts, The Committee have instructed me to report the following as a substitute for the original bill:

A BILL

To be entitled, An Act to amend "An Act relating to the duties of Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors, and for other purposes," approved January 9, 1849.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened*, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the Assessors of Taxes in the several Counties of this State, to attend at the times and places fixed by law for receiving returns of taxable property, from and after the first day of January until and including the first day of June in each year, and the assessment books shall be kept open until that day; and all persons not rendering in to said Assessors by that day their respective lists of taxable property, shall be double taxed in the manner now provided by law; and the said Assessors shall, on or before the first day of August in each year,

make out, in the form and manner now required by law, the assessment books, of which one shall, on or before the first day of August, be forwarded to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and one delivered to the President of the Board of County Commissioners.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That hereafter all taxes assessed in this State, shall become due and payable from and after the first day of October until the thirty-first day of December in each and every year; and it shall be the duty of every person liable to pay taxes, to pay the same to the proper officer on or before the last mentioned date; and in case of failure to do so, the respective Tax Collectors are hereby authorized and required to make distress and sale of property for such unpaid taxes, in the manner now provided by law.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That hereafter the Board of County Commissioners, in the respective Counties of this State, shall hold their especial sessions for the examination of the lists of insolvencies and overcharges returned by the Tax Collectors, on or before the fifteenth day of January next after the assessments shall have been made.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the several Tax Collectors in this State, to settle their accounts with the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and pay over to the Treasurer of this State the amount of taxes for which they are respectively accountable, on or before the third Monday of February in each year, instead of the fourth Monday of the November previous as now required by law; and upon failure to do so, the said Tax Collectors shall be subject to the same penalties as are now imposed by law for failure to settle and pay by the said fourth Monday in November.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws conflicting with the foregoing sections, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

M. S. PERRY,

Chairman Committee on Taxation and Revenue

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1850.

Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir—The House has passed the following bill, viz:

An act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida.

Respectfully,

J. ARCHER,

Speaker House of Representatives.

Which was read, 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 giving to the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company the right to extend their road into the State of Florida with chartered privileges;

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;

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

A bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Plank Road Company.

Which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. P. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

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

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Smith—12.

Nays—Messrs. Brown of Columbia, Moseley—2.

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 Incorporate a Company, to be called the Wacissa and Oscilla Navigation Company,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

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

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

Nays—Mr. President—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 grant the right of Pre-emption to persons who are settled on 16th Sections in certain cases,

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

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Smith—13.

Nays—Mr. President—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 Incorporate the Florida and Georgia Plank Road Company,

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, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Smith—14.

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 amend an act amendatory of the Pilot Laws now in force in this State,

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

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,

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend the several acts now in force in relation to Pleadings in Civil Suits,

Was read the second time. Mr. Maxwell moved to strike out the following, being the last five lines:

“And all such pleas of a total or a partial failure of consideration, may be pleaded at such times as may be prescribed for filing other special pleas in bar.”

Which amendment was adopted, and said bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend the acts now in force providing for the issuing of Garnishments,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Avery moved its indefinite postponement.

The yeas and nays being called for on said motion by Messrs. Brown and Forward, were:

Yeas—Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Finley, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Smith—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Brown of Columbia, Crawford, Forward, Johnson—6.

Said bill was indefinitely postponed.

Bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the Administrators of Henry V. Ellis deceased, to sell real estate;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Maxwell moved to lay said bill on the table,
Which was carried.

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act relating to the duties of Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors, and for other purposes, approved January 9, 1849;

Was read.

On motion the substitute for said bill was read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act to organize a Supreme Court for the State of Florida;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

House bill to be entitled, An act relating to the duties of Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors;

Was taken up.

Mr. Smith moved to re-commit said bill to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue;

Which was carried.

Mr. Smith moved, that the Senate adjourn until Monday next 12 o'clock, M.

On this motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Brown and Moseley, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Maxwell, Smith—8.

Nays—Messrs. Avery, Brown of Columbia, Forward, Johnson, McMillan, Moseley—6.

Said motion was carried.

The Senate adjourned until Monday next 12 o'clock, M.

MONDAY, December 23, 1850.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Pratt officiated as Chaplain.

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

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Avery asked leave to introduce bill to be entitled, An act requiring to be paid into the School and money derived from the sale of slaves under the act of Nov. 1829;

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

Mr. Johnson gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to declare and define