

FRIDAY, December 27, 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.

The following bills, according to previous notice, were introduced, viz:

By Mr. Avery:

A bill to be entitled, An act providing for the increase of the School Fund from the State Treasury;

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

Also, a bill to be entitled, An act providing for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

By Mr. Perry:

A bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Abner D. Johnson;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to a Select Committee, said Committee to consist of Messrs. Perry, McMillan and Smith.

By Mr. Smith:

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend the seventeenth clause of the fifth article of the Constitution of this State;

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

By Mr. Baldwin:

A bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Wm. D. Moseley, and for other purposes:

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

Mr. Avery introduced the following resolutions relative to Seminaries of Learning:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That City and County authorities and individuals be and they are hereby requested to report to the Governor, to be by him laid before the next General Assembly, a statement of the amount which said City or County authorities or individuals will contribute in land, buildings or money, for the purpose of establishing a Seminary of Learning, in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled an act providing for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning; the contents of said reports to be kept secret, (if desired by those making them,) until transmitted to both Houses of the General Assembly.

Resolved 2d. The Seminary of Learning which is to be located in the district east of the Suwannee river, shall be located in that County

ty in said district, which, in the opinion of the next General Assembly, presents the greatest inducements for the location of said Seminary; and the Seminary which is to be located in the district west of the Suwannee river, shall be located in that County in the district which, in the opinion of the said General Assembly, presents the greatest inducement for the location.

Which were read and passed.

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

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

The Committee, on Taxation and Revenue to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Escambia County, asking that a law may be passed, to tax negroes brought into the State from other States to be hired, with instructions to bring in a bill in accordance with the request of the petitioners, ask to report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

M. S. PERRY, *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 the following bills, viz:

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

A bill to be entitled, An act to change the time when Grand Jurors shall examine the accounts of the County Treasurer;

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;

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act approved January 13, A. D. 1849, which provides for the election of Judges of Probate by the people; also,

Engrossed amendment to House bill to be entitled, An act to ascertain and define the boundary line of Calhoun County.

Which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. P. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 27, 1850.

Honorable President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House have passed a bill to be entitled, An act to amend the Charter of the Town of Quincy;

Also, the following Senate bills without amendment, viz:

Bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Nathaniel P. Marion;

Bill to be entitled, An act in relation to the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida;

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act entitled an act providing for the purchase, on the part of the State, of lands offered for sale for Taxes, approved January 11, 1849;

Senate 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 lost in the House.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House of Representatives.

Which was read, and said bills ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 27, 1850.

Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir: The House have concurred in Senate amendments to House Bill to be entitled, An act to authorize Henry Slayback to establish a Ferry across Escambia Bay.

Respectfully,

H. ARCHER,

Speaker House of Representatives.

Which was read.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, Dec. 27th, 1850.

His Excellency THOMAS BROWN,

Governor of Florida:

SIR—I have the honor herewith to transmit, for the approval of your Excellency, the following acts:

An act to change the name of Maria L. West;

An act for the relief of Mary A. Hardee and David Platt;

An act to establish the rates of Wharfage, Dockage and Storage in the City of Key West, County of Monroe.

Respectfully,

NEILL McPHERSON, *Sec'y Senate.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House resolution, relative to the appointment of a Joint Committee, on the subject of slavery;

Was read, on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Smith and Finley, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, Moseley, Perry—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, McMillan Smith—5.

Said resolution passed.

The President, appointed the following a Committee, viz: Messrs.

Forward, Finley, Perry, Moseley, McMillan, and Brown of Hillsborough, to act with a Committee of nine on the part of the House of Representatives on the subject of slavery.

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 amendatory to the Pilot laws now in force in this State, approved January 12, 1849;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Budington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith—13.

Nays—Mr. President, Mr. Austin—2.

Said bill passed. Title as stated.

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to tax slaves brought into this State for hire;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers called out in the year 1849;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act more particularly to define the duties of Weighers of Cotton in this State;

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

Bill to be entitled, An act fixing the salary of the Governor of this State, and to authorize the appointment of a Governor's Secretary and Clerk for the Executive Department, and for other purposes, approved by the Governor July 25, 1845;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act for the benefit of Dr. Thomas M. Palmer, and Doctors Taylor and Palmer;

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

Bill to be entitled, An act in relation to Roads in Escambia County.

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 Angel Lopez,

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 the Funds for the Education of Poor Children in the County of Franklin,

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 Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith—15.

Nays—None.

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 concerning Roads and Highways, approved January 5th, 1847, especially for the County of Duval,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time by its title: on the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were:

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

Nays—None.

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 authorize Joseph Sierra to build a Wharf in the City of Pensacola,

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act entitled an act explanatory of the several acts in relation to the Migration of Free Negroes of Color into this State, approved January 15th, 1849,

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to enable Executors, Administrators and Guardians to sell the Real Estate of Infants,

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act in relation to Naturalized Citizens Voting in this State,

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith—13.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Forward—2.

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 to change the time when the Grand Jury shall examine the Accounts of the County Treasurer,

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 Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith—15.

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 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;

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 Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith—15.

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 amend an act approved January 13th, 1849; which provides for the election of Judges of Probate by the people;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, McMillan, Moseley, Perry, Smith—18.

Nays—None.

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 ascertain and define the boundary line of Calhoun County,

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

Yeas—Messrs. Forward, Maxwell, Moseley, Perry—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Austin, Avery, Baldwin, Brown of Hillsborough, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Johnson, Smith—11.

Said bill was lost. Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend the Charter of the town of Quincy;

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

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills report as correctly enrolled, the following bills, to wit:

An act providing new modes of investing the School Fund, and also prescribing the time at which the first distribution of the interest of the School Fund shall be made;

An act entitled an act for securing liens to Mechanics, Overseers and others, approved December 29, 1845;

An act to amend the 11th clause of the 5th article of the Constitution of this State, and also to amend an act amendatory of the 12th clause of the 5th article of the Constitution of this State, and adopted by the third and fourth General Assemblies, so as to give the election of the Judges to the people;

An act for the relief of the heirs of J. Underwood:

An act to amend an act entitled an act for the protection of Fisheries on the coast of Florida, approved December 17, 1845;

An act for the relief of Nathaniel P. Marion;

An act in relation to the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida;

An act altering the mode and manner of redemption of lands purchased by the State for taxes; also,

An act providing for the purchase, on the part of the State, of lands for sale for taxes, approved January 11, 1849.

W. A. FORWARD, *Chairman*.

Which was received.

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

SATURDAY, December 28, 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. Avery gave notice that he would, at a future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act providing for the incorporation of societies known as Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of societies known as Sons of Temperance.

Mr. Maxwell moved to take from the table and place among the orders of the day, a bill to be entitled, An act to re-organize the Judiciary System, and to establish Five Judicial Circuits;

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

Mr. Brown of Hillsborough, gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to license George W. Andrews to practice Medicine in the County of Hernando.

Mr. Johnson introduced the following Preamble and Resolutions:

Whereas, the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, did