

Also without amendment.

Senate Bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act giving to the Judge of Probate of Escambia and Hamilton Counties the powers of Justices of the Peace in certain cases ;

Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act to provide for the opening a road from Miami in Dade County, to Indian River in St. Lucie County ;

Bill to be entitled An Act to establish the office of State Engineer and Geologist ;

Also without amendment,

Senate Bill to be entitled An Act to regulate the quarantine laws in this State ;

Senate Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing William H. Chase and Jasper Strong to cut a canal, connecting the waters of the Perdido River and Grand Lagoon ;

Senate Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the institution of suits in certain cases against corporations by publication ;

Senate Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act to require purchasers of State lands to make payment therefor to the Treasurer of the State and for other purposes ;

Also with amendments transmitted herewith ;

Senate Bill to be entitled An Act to prevent the trading with the Indians in this State, to which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Senate Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing County subscriptions for works of Internal Improvement, was indefinitely postponed ;

Senate Bill to be entitled An Act to empower John Johnson of Gadsden County to manage his own estate, was lost in the House.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

Clerk House Representatives.

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the payment pro rata of the debts of insolvent estates,

Was read first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled An Act for establishing the office of State Engineer and Geologist,

Was read first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

House resolution to improve the navigation of the Apalachicola river,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and, on motion was laid on the table.

House bill to be entitled An Act authorizing certain persons to establish a Ferry across the Ocklockonee river,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time, when Mr.

Floyd moved to strike out the 4th section of said bill, and change the 5th section to the 4th section ;

Which was agreed to, and the rule waived, the bill read a third time,

And upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Budington, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Forsyth and Provence—2.

So the bill passed as amended, title as stated.

Ordered, That it be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the county site of Wakulla county,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act entitled an act to change the name of Robert Waterson to that of Robert W. Randall,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time, and on motion, was laid on the table.

House bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act to provide for opening a road from Miami, in Dade county, to Indian River, in St. Lucie county,

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

On motion of Mr. Stewart, the rules were waived so as to allow him to introduce,

A bill to be entitled An Act the more effectually to quiet and protect the possession of personal property, and to prevent taking possession by fraud and violence ;

Which bill was received and read a first time, the rule waived read a second time by title, and on motion, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 30, 1852.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Rev. Mr. Zealey officiated as chaplain.

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

On motion of Mr. Johnson, a bill to be entitled An Act to permit Henry M. Stephens to sell the real estate belonging to the infant children of said Stephens.

Was placed among the orders of the day, for to-day.

On motion of Mr. Snell,

Mr. Stewart was excused from attendance on the Senate after Saturday next.

According to previous notice,

Mr. Snell introduced a bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad across the Peninsula of Florida, under the style of the Florida Railroad Company.

Mr. Brown pursuant to previous notice,

Introduced a bill to be entitled An Act to permanently fix the election precincts in the County of Columbia, and to repeal certain acts therein named.

The following Message was received from His Excellency, the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
December 29, 1852. }

To the Hon. R. J. FLOYD,

*President of the Senate :*

Sir—I have approved and signed An Act for the relief of John B. Allen ;

Which I have caused to be deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Respectfully,  
THOS. BROWN.

Mr. Johnson from the Committee on Internal Improvements made the following report :

The Committee on Internal Improvement, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Walton and Santa Rosa counties, asking an appropriation of money or State land, to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow River, have considered the same, and ask leave to report :

That inasmuch as the General Assembly have not as yet adopted any system of appropriation of the Internal Improvement Fund, and have thus far regarded its application to local objects as being at the present time inadmissible, and contrary to the best interests of the State, your Committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted, and ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALLEN G. JOHNSON,  
Chairman.

Which was read.

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

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the payment *pro rata*, of the debts of insolvent estates, having fully considered the same, have instructed the undersigned to recommend its passage. The Committee believe that the effect of the proposed act, will be materially to facilitate the

settlement of estates of deceased persons, and to reduce the expense usually attendant thereon.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day for to-day.

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

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the Preacher's Fund of the Florida Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have examined the same, and have instructed the undersigned to report :

That the first section of the 13th article of the Constitution of this State, requires the General Assembly to pass a general law for the incorporating of all churches, and religious and other societies as may accept thereof; but also declares that "no special act of incorporation thereof shall be passed. The Committee are constrained, therefore, to recommend that said bill do not pass, but have instructed the undersigned to prepare and report the bill hereto annexed in lieu of that referred, and to recommend the passage thereof. The substitute now reported, proposes such amendments and additions to the general laws now in force in this State for the incorporation of Churches and religious and other societies, and Colleges, Schools and Seminaries, as in their opinion will fully embrace the object proposed to be accomplished by the bill referred to them.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 30, 1852. }

*Honorable President of the Senate :*

Sir,—The House have passed, without amendment, the following Senate bills and resolutions, to wit :

Bill to be entitled An Act to amend and simplify the election laws now in force in this State ;

Bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Thos. B. Wynn ;

Bill to be entitled An Act amendatory to an act to establish and organize a Mayor's Court for the city of Apalachicola ;

Resolution urging upon Congress the sale of reserved lands. Also,

House bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Joseph McRobert Baker, his wife and children ; Also,

House resolution asking an appropriation from Congress for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail, &c., for the city of Apalachicola.

The House have refused to concur in Senate amendments to the House bill to be entitled,

An Act to regulate and fix the rates of Dockage and Wharfage at the town of Palatka.

The House have passed Senate bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the business of Banking, with the amendments enclosed in said bill; in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

*Clerk House of Representatives.*

Which was read, and the House bills placed among the orders of the day

Mr. Baldwin moved the journal of yesterday be corrected by having Mr. Johnson's amendment to the Florida and Georgia Railroad spread upon the journal, as offered by him on yesterday, as follows:

Mr. Johnson asked the unanimous consent of the Senate, to amend the first section, by striking the words "western or southern boundary line of the State of Georgia" out, and inserting "Apalachicola river, then to connect with the Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central Rail Road."

Also amend the third section, by striking out the words "to some point on the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia, to be determined by a majority of the Board of Directors of said Company," and insert "Apalachicola river."

Which was objected to.

The following report was received from the Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report as correctly engrossed:

An Act to provide for the employment of a clerk in the office of the Comptroller of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. FINLEY,

Chairman.

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the employment of a Clerk in the Comptroller's office of this State,

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

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Gillis, Moseley and Smith—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

*Ordered*, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives. A bill to be entitled An Act to prevent the trading with the Indians in this State,

Came up, when the amendments made by the House to said bill were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the same be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Joseph A. Everett to establish a Ferry across the Withlacoochee River,

Was read a third time as amended.

Upon the question of its passage the vote was:

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—17.

NAYS—0.

So the bill passed as amended, title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act to provide for opening a road from Miami, in Dade county, to Indian river, in St. Lucie county,

Was read a second time, when Mr. Baldwin moved the indefinite postponement of said bill.

Upon which motion, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Johnson, and were as follows:

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brown, Buddington, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Snell and Wynn—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Blackburn, Finley, Forsyth, Smith and Stewart—5.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

*Ordered*, To be certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was received, and the bills placed in their proper places.

House Bill to be entitled An Act relating to the assessment of taxes in the county of Jackson,

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

YEAS—Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—15.

NAYS—Mr. President, and Mr. Baldwin—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

*Ordered*, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend the taxation laws relative to land and negroes,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act providing for the location, survey

and completion of a Canal connecting the waters of the St. Johns and Indian rivers,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of John B. Anderson,

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act to declare Spring Creek, commonly known as Robinson's Spring Creek, in Jackson county, a navigable stream, approved Feb. 13, 1831,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

House Bill to be entitled An Act making appropriation for the compilation and publication of Thompson's collection of the British Statutes, of force in this State,

Came up, when the Senate went into committee of the whole upon said bill ;

After some time spent therein, the committee rose and through their Chairman, reported the bill back to the Senate and asked to be discharged ;

Which report was concurred in.

Resolutions in regard to the Term of office of the Governor came up,

The yeas and nays were called for and were as follows :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Provence, Snell and Wynn—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Buddington, Finley, Smith and Stewart—4.

So said resolutions were adopted.

Was read a first time and adopted.

A bill to be entitled An Act to permanently fix the election precincts in the county of Columbia, and to repeal certain acts therein named,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate a company to construct a Railroad across the Peninsula of Florida, under the style of the Florida Railroad Company.

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

A bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for the payment pro rata of the debts of insolvent estates,

Was read a second time and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled, An Act to amend the several general laws for the incorporation of all such Churches and religious societies as may accept thereof, now in force in this State,

Came up and was adopted in lieu of the original bill;

Which was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act to change the names of Joseph McRobert Baker, his wife and children,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read second time, and on motion was laid on the table.

House resolution asking an appropriation from Congress for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail, &c., for the City of Apalachicola,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to permit Henry M. Stephens to sell the real estate belonging to the infant children of said Stephens,

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

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Kilcrease, Moseley and Wynn, were appointed to return to the House of Representatives a bill to be entitled An Act to allow John Johnson, of Gadsden county to assume the management of his own estate, said bill having been lost in the House.

The Committee returned and reported the duty performed.

On motion, the Senate took a recess till 4 o'clock, P. M.

#### FOUR O'CLOCK.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. A quorum being present the orders of the day were resumed.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 30, 1852. }

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

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

Bill to be entitled An Act granting to Rail Road Companies, lands granted or hereafter to be granted to the State by the General Government for the purpose of aiding in the construction of Rail Roads within the State.

Bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Warren C. Duval.

Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the act of 24th July, 1845, entitled an act to raise a revenue, &c.

Bill to be entitled An Act for changing the names of persons residing in this State.

Also without amendment :

Senate bill to be entitled An Act to empower John Johnson, of Gadsden county, to manage his own estate.

Also the following Senate bills, with the amendments enclosed viz. :

Bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the establishment of two seminaries of learning.

Bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act in relation to rafted lumber adrift, and for other purposes, in which, the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

The following bills were lost in the House.

Senate bill to be entitled An Act to change and modify the system of licensing retailers of spirituous liquors, and to give the power to the legal voters in each magistrate's district, in the several counties in this State.

Senate bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the permanent location of the Seat of Government, of this State.

Very Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

*Clerk House of Representatives.*

Which was read, and the bills from the House placed amongst the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Warren C. Duval,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time, and on motion, was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the business of Banking, Came up, as amended by the House of Representatives; which amendments were agreed to.

On motion, the rules were waived so as to allow Mr. Baldwin to make the following report:

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to abolish and repeal the second clause or section, of the 11th article of the Constitution of this State, report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed the undersigned to report the same back without amendment.

JOHN P. BALDWIN,

Chairman.

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

The following message was received from His Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, FLORIDA, }  
December 30, 1852.

To the Hon. R. J. FLOYD,

*President of the Senate, &c.:*

Sir,—I nominate John W. Helens, of the town of Milton, auctioneer for the County of Santa Rosa.

Also, L. M. Shafer of the town of Key West, auctioneer for the County of Monroe; and Benjamin Sawyer, John Curry, George Alderslade, Frederick Filor and Cornelius Curtis, for Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Key West, in the County of Monroe.

I have the honor to be,  
your most ob't. &c.,

THOMAS BROWN.

Which was read and the nomination of John W. Helens advised and consented to.

A bill to be entitled An Act to invest a portion of the Internal Improvement Fund in certain plank roads therein mentioned,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was as follows, viz:

YEAS—Mr. Provence—1.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—15.

So the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled An Act giving to the counties of Calhoun and Washington the right to receive and apply their proportions of the Internal Improvement Fund of this State,

Came up and was, on motion, laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled An Act to abolish and repeal the second clause or section of the 11th Article of the Constitution of this State,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend the act of 24th July, 1845, entitled an act to raise a revenue, &c., &c.

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

House bill to be entitled An Act for changing the names of persons residing in this State,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled an act granting to railroad companies lands granted or hereafter to be granted to the State by the General Government for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads within the State,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act to organize the County of Putnam,

Came up, and on motion, the vote had on the bill yesterday was reconsidered,

When Mr. Stewart by the unanimous consent of the Senate, asked leave and withdrew the amendment to said bill, as made on yesterday.

The bill was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—17.

NAYS—None. So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.