

On motion of Mr. Long; Mr. Crigler was excused from attendance on the Senate until Monday next.

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

SATURDAY, December 9, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Eppes introduced a bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to Evidences;

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

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Eppes introduced a bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to slaves and free persons of color;

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

Mr. Cone, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to pre-emptions on Sixteenth Sections;

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

Mr. Eppes gave notice that he will, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An Act to repeal Sec. 4, of An Act amendatory of an act entitled an act to establish and organize a Mayor's Court for the City of Apalachicola, approved January 5, 1853, and to provide in lieu thereof;

Also, a bill to be entitled, An Act for the relief of Benjamin Lucas, for the use of Julius L. Wyman of Franklin County, Florida.

Mr. Eppes moved that the Senate, the House concurring, do adjourn on the 20th inst., *sine die*;

Which motion was ruled out of order by the Chair.

Mr. Eppes offered the following resolution:

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That this General Assembly do adjourn sine die on the 20th inst;

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

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

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Judge and divers members of the Bar of the Eastern Judicial circuit of this State, praying the establishment of an additional Circuit Court in East Florida, beg leave to

REPORT:

That the Committee are clearly of opinion that the prayer of the

memorialists is reasonable, and ought to be granted, and have, therefore, instructed the undersigned to report the annexed bill to be entitled "An act to create a fifth Judicial Circuit in this State." The passage of which is unanimously recommended by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. LONG,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and read, and the bill accompanying the same placed among the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Cone, 75 copies of the report and bill were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Long, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Judge and Bar of the Eastern Circuit, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Judge and members of the Bar of the Eastern Judicial Circuit of Florida, praying the passage of a law authorizing said Judge to hold extra terms of said court, have instructed the undersigned to report as follows:

The Committee have already reported to the Senate a bill to divide the Eastern Circuit, by creating a new Circuit Court in East Florida, and in their opinion this will supercede the necessity of extra terms in the Eastern Circuit, except when contagious diseases may be prevailing at the places appointed by law for holding the regular terms. The Committee, therefore, instruct the undersigned to report the annexed bill to be entitled "An act to allow the Supreme and Circuit Courts of this State to hold extra terms whenever the regular terms cannot be safely held in consequence of the prevalence of any contagious diseases at the time and place or places appointed by law for holding the regular terms."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. A. LONG,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act for the relief of John B. Anderson, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled An act for the relief of John B. Anderson, ask leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and find that though the bill was reported against at the last session of the Assembly, they think it is entitled to some consideration, and therefore

recommend the bill to the favorable notice of the Senate, with the following amendments:

The blank space in said bill to be filled with the words, "one hundred and two dollars and forty two and a half cents."

All that part relating to interest to be stricken out.

Very Respectfully,

JAMES W. SMITH,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Monday next.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 8, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The following Bills have been passed by the House:

Bill to be entitled An act to authorize Henry Benner to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee River;

Bill to be entitled An act to authorize Allen Mondin to establish a toll bridge across the Withlacoochee River;

Bill to be entitled An act to authorize Neil Monroe to establish a Ferry across the Withlacoochee River;

Bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Henry Christy and Theophilus Higginbotham.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk Ho. Reps.

Which was read, and the bills placed among the Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On Motion of Mr. Hopkins, the substitute of Mr. Long in regard to the contested election from the 12th Senatorial district,

Was taken up.

On motion of Messrs. Hopkins and Tracy a call of the Senate was had.

The following persons answered to their names, viz:

Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—9.

There being no quorum present, on motion, the Sergeant-at-Arms was sent for the absent members.

On motion, the further call of the Senate was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Myrick, the substitute of Mr. Long in regard to the contested election, was ordered for a second reading on Tuesday next.

House bill to be entitled "An act to restore the force and opera-

tion of the general laws of this State in relation to the migration of free persons of color in this State;"

Was read the first time, and 75 copies ordered to be printed.

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Jose Vigil;

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

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Watson W. Leggett;

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

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize Andrew J. Smiley, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

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

House resolution to declare Manatee a Port of Delivery;

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

A bill to be entitled An act to Incorporate the Tallahassee and Quincy Plank Road Company;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

A bill to be entitled An act to allow spirits to be drank where sold;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Long moved to lay the same on the table for the present;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Myrick, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Filor, Gillis, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Wynn—9.

Nays—Messrs. Eppes, Hopkins, Provence and Tracy—4.

So the said bill was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled An act relating to documentary evidence;

Was read a second time.

On motion it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled An act concerning Interest was read a second time.

On motion, it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Doctor C. A. Hentz;

Was read the second time.

On motion, referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled An act to repeal the Road Tax of Santa Rosa County;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend An act in relation to the service necessary to be given by Sheriffs and other officers;

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

A bill to be entitled, An Act to change the time of holding Circuit Court in Calhoun County;

Was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Eppes the bill was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled, An Act to amend an act in relation to Pilotage at the port of Key West;

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

An Engrossed Bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act relative to crimes and misdemeanors;

Was read a third time, when, on motion, the bill was again referred back to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Neil Monroe to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee River;

Was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

House bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Allen Mondin to establish a toll-bridge across the Withlacoochee River;

Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Provence the rule was waived, and the bill read a second and third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas.—Mr. President, Messrs Brinson, Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—12.

Nays—Mr. Kilcrease—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize Henry Benner to establish a Ferry across the Withlacoochee River;

Was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Provence, the rule was waived, the bill read the second and third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—13.

Nays—Mr. Kilcrease—1.

So said bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Provence moved that a committee be appointed on Census and Apportionment;

Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Myrick, the rule was waived, and he gave notice that he will on Monday next, or some future day, introduce a

bill to authorize E. B. M. Spivey to establish a Ferry across the Chattahoochee River at Brown's Ferry, in Jackson County.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Senate adjourned till Monday morning. 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 11, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, the Journal of Saturday's proceedings was read and approved.

The following bills which had passed the Senate were transmitted to the House, viz:

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize Allen Mondin to establish a Toll Bridge across the Withlacoochee River;

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize Henry Benner to establish a Ferry on the Withlacoochee River.

The President announced the following Committee on Census and Apportionment:

MESSRS. PROVENCE,
LONG,
FILOR,
EPPES,
HOPKINS.

Mr. Nicholson moved that so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Cession of West Florida, be withdrawn from the Standing Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, and be referred to a Select Committee of five, to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

Which motion was carried, and Messrs. Nicholson, Eppes, Myrick, Hawes and Brinson were appointed said Committee.

Mr. Nicholson gave notice, that on some future day he will introduce a bill to authorize William Webb to establish a Ferry across the Escambia Bay.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Hawes introduced a bill to grant certain lands to the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company;

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

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Myrick introduced the following bills, viz:

A bill to authorize the respective officers collecting the revenue of this State to pay over the Capitation or Poll Tax, and for other purposes;