

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion, referred to a select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Myrick, Eppes, Long, Provence and Tracy.

A bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to the Supreme and Circuit Court Judges of this State;

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An Act to amend the Third and Eighth Sections of the Sixth Article of the Constitution of this State;

Was read three several times the third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Eppes, Filor and Provence—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Crigler, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—13.

So said bill was lost.

Engrossed bill to be entitled An act in relation to a Road Tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cone, Crigler, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

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

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cone, Crigler, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Tracy and Wynn—12.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An act to abolish the Tax now laid on certain subjects of Taxation;

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

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize the respective officers collecting the Revenue of this State, to pay over the Capitation or Poll Tax, and for other purposes;

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

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize William Webb to establish a Ferry across the Escambia Bay;

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

A bill, to be entitled An act to authorize Thomas H. Willis to assume the management of his own estate;

Was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act to remove the obstructions to the navigation of the Suwannee River;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend An act entitled An act to incorporate the Jacksonville and Alligator Plank Road Company;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion, was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Hopkins, Cone and Hawes.

Engrossed bill to be entitled An act in relation to slaves and free persons of color;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Tracy and Wynn—12.

Nays—Messrs. Crigler, Filor, Gillis and Provence—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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

On motion,

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

SATURDAY, December 16, 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.

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

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Henry Christy and Theophilus Higginbotham;

House bill to be entitled An act to empower Malcolm Nicholson, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

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

A bill to be entitled An act in relation to a road tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion;

A bill to be entitled An act in relation to slaves and free persons of color;

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

Mr. Filor from the committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following bills and find the same correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled An act in relation to the Supreme and Circuit Court Judges of this State;

A bill to be entitled An act to repeal An act entitled An act to amend the several acts concerning licences to retail spirituous liquors;

A bill to be entitled An act to amend An act regulating Law proceedings;

A bill to authorize Revenue officers to pay over poll tax to County Commissioners, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. FILOR,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bills placed among the orders of the 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 concerning Interest, having had the same under consideration, have instructed the undersigned to

REPORT:

That a majority of the committee concur in the policy proposed by the bill, and therefore recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Also the following minority report:

The undersigned, a member of the Judiciary Committee, begs leave to report his dissent to the foregoing majority report. The undersigned will hereafter ask leave to present to the Senate the reasons which have impelled him to dissent from the views of a majority of the committee upon which it has been his duty to serve.

M. A. LONG,
of the Judiciary Committee.

Which was read and received.

Mr. Long from the joint select committee, appointed to draft and report joint rules for the government of the General Assembly, made the following report:

The Joint Select Committee appointed to draft and report Joint Rules of the General Assembly, having conferred together and considered the subject, beg leave to report the following:

JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

RULE 1. Messages from either House to the other shall be sent by such persons as a sense of propriety in each House may determine.

2. After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or by the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in one or the other House.

3. When a bill or resolution, which shall have passed in one House is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the House in which the same may have passed.

4. When a bill or resolution which has been passed in one House, shall be rejected in the other, it shall not be brought in during the same session, without notice of ten days, and leave of two-thirds of that House in which it shall be moved.

5. Each House shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded.

6. No bill that shall have passed one House, shall be sent for concurrence to the other, on either of the last three days of the session.

7. After each House shall have adhered to their disagreement, a bill or resolution shall be lost.

8. When elections are required to be made by joint vote of the two Houses, the time of electing shall be previously agreed upon, and each House shall communicate the nominations made therein to the other, prior to the voting.

9. Each House shall communicate to the other the nominations, and the result of each voting.

10. In every Joint Committee the member first named on the part of the House first proposing such Committee, shall convene the same.

11. During the election of officers there shall be no motions entertained, except to adjourn, to proceed to vote, to nominate and to withdraw a candidate—which motions shall have precedence in the order they stand.

12. The doings throughout shall proceed without debate.

13. Communications shall be made on paper, and signed by the Secretary of each House, and transmitted by the Messenger, or Door-keeper.

14. In every case of disagreement between the Senate and House of Representatives, either House may suggest conference, and appoint a Committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a Committee to confer at a convenient hour, to be designated by the Chairman; said Committees shall meet, and confer freely on the subject of disagreement.

15. Whenever a public bill or resolution is ordered to be printed for the use of either House, a number shall be ordered sufficient for the use of both Houses; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, to inform the other House of such order, and to transmit to that House the requisite number of printed copies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. A. LONG,
Chairman on part of the Senate.
PHILIP DELL,
Chairman on part of the House.

Which was read and received, and on motion adopted.

Mr. Cone, from the Select Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act granting pre-emptions on Sixteenth Sections, made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act granting pre-emptions on Sixteenth Sections, having had the same under consideration, have instructed the undersigned to

REPORT:

That it is the opinion of the Committee that said bill should be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"That all Sixteenth Sections, and all lands selected for school purposes, shall hereafter be subject to sale by pre-emption, in the same way and upon the same terms as the Internal Improvement and Seminary Lands are now subject."

When so amended, the Committee recommend the passage of said bill. Also the amendment of the title, by striking out the same and inserting the words, "An act to grant pre-emptions on School Lands."

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CONE,
Chairman.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 14, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House has passed enclosed bill, entitled An act authorizing and empowering A. J. Lea, Administrator, to sell certain real estate therein specified.

Senate resolution in relation to the election of certain officers therein named, has been indefinitely postponed by the House.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House Rep's.

Which was received, and House bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 15, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House has passed, without amendment, Senate resolution for the payment of the Board of Internal Improvement.

The following bill has been lost in the House, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled, An act explanatory of the several acts in relation to the migration of free persons of color into the Port of Key West.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk Ho. Reps.

Which was read.

A Committee from the House of Representatives asked the Senate for the return of the resolution in relation to the payment of the members of the Board of Internal Improvement.

On motion, Messrs. Hopkins, Tracy and Myrick were appointed a Committee to return to the House of Representatives the above resolution;

Which Committee returned, and reported the duty assigned them had been performed.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Provence gave notice that he would on some future day, introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize Samuel D. Howse to assume the management of his own estate.

Also the following:

A bill to be entitled, An act to declare the Withlacoochee River and Blue Springs navigable streams.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Kilcrease, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize Charles H. Longworth to manage his own estate.

A Committee from the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House had adopted a resolution, the Senate concurring, that they would be ready to proceed to the election of United States Senator this day, at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. Provence, the resolution from the House, as reported by the Committee, was concurred in by the Senate, and Messrs. Provence, Brinson and Bird appointed a Committee to inform the House thereof;

Which Committee, upon their return, reported that they had performed the duty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to be entitled, An act to authorize B. T. Jordan to build a bridge across the Suwannee River, and for other purposes;

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

A bill to be entitled, An act granting certain lands to the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company;

Was read the second time, when, on motion, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole upon said bill, Mr. Tracy in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and through their Chairman reported the bill back to the Senate with amendments, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill;

Which report was concurred in, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

A bill to be entitled, An act to authorize Thomas H. Willis, of Leon County, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

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 authorize William Webb to establish a Ferry across the Escambia Bay;

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to authorize and empower Andrew J. Lea, Administrator, to sell certain real estate therein specified;

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the respective officers collecting the Revenue of this State, to pay over the Capitation or Poll Tax, and for other purposes;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Gillis, Hawes and Myrick—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Cone, Crigler, Eppes, Filor, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—14.

So the bill was lost.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Wynn, from the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred memorials of certain citizens of Jefferson and Hillsborough Counties, made the following report:

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred Memorials of certain citizens of the Counties of Jefferson and

Hillsborough, in regard to retailing and selling Spirituous Liquors," have had the same under most respectful consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT:

That they deprecate sincerely the injury which is done to the morals of the community by the retailing, or selling in larger quantities, of Spirituous Liquors in our State, and entertain, in common with the memorialists, an earnest desire that the evils they represent could be abolished.

The Committee are of opinion that a bill upon this subject, which is now before the Senate, proposes all that can be done in the premises, and recommend that the memorials be laid on the table for the present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. B. WYNN,
Chairman.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act entitled an act to amend the several acts concerning Licenses to retail Spirituous Liquors, approved January 8, 1853;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Crigler, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Kilcrease, Long, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—15.

Nays—Messrs. Hopkins, Myrick and Nicholson—3.

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 amend the act regulating Common Law proceedings;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Cone, Crigler, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—15.

Nays—Mr. Kilcrease—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled, An act in relation to the Supreme and Circuit Court Judges of this State;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Nicholson and Tracy—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Cone, Crigler, Hawes, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Provence, Smith and Wynn—11.

So the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled, An act to authorize Charles H. Longworth, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

On motion, the rule was waived, when Mr. Kilcrease moved that Mr. Bird be excused from attendance after to-day, until Wednesday next;

Which was granted.

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

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred a message from his Excellency the Governor, relative to appropriations for Criminal Prosecutions, and pay of Jurors and Witnesses, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

W. B. WYNN,

Chairman Committee Taxation and Revenue.

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

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the time had arrived for the election of United States Senator, and invited the Senate into the hall of the House of Representatives.

The Senate repaired to the hall of the House of Representatives.

The President, by invitation of the Speaker, took the chair.

The President declared the object of the joint meeting to be the election of a United States Senator.

The President announced that nominations were in order.

Mr. Long, (of the Senate,) nominated David L. Yulee.

Mr. Hollaman, (of the House,) nominated Thomas Brown.

The vote was:

For YULEE.—*Senate*—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Crigler, Filor, Hawes, Kilcrease, Long and Provence—10.

House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Baisden, Bellamy, Carter, Chaires, Christie, Coombs, Dell, Dewitt, Dunnett, Galbraith, Harris, Haynes, Parsons, Penn, Pope, Prescott, Taylor, Thompson of Levy, Van-Zant and Wall—21. Total—31.

For BROWN.—*Senate*—Messrs. Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—7.

House—Messrs. Bowers, Brown, Fennell, Haddock, Hollaman, Johnston, Jones of Monroe, Jones of Nassau, Langford, Neel, Reviere, Shine, Spear, and Thompson of Santa Rosa—14. Total—21.

BLANK.—*Senate*—Mr. Wynn—1.

House—Mr. Rowley—1. Total—2.

The President declared David L. Yulee, duly elected United States Senator for six years from the fourth day of March next.

On motion of Mr. Long of the Senate, the joint meeting adjourned, and the Senate returned to their chamber.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until Monday next, 11 o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY, December 18, 1854

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

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

The following communication was transmitted to His Excellency the Governor:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 18, 1854. }

To His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,

Governor of the State of Florida:

SIR:—We have the honor to inform your Excellency that at a Joint Meeting of the General Assembly, held on the 16th instant, for the purpose of electing a United States Senator for six years from the fourth day of March next, Mr. David L. Yulee was declared duly elected United States Senator for the term aforesaid.

Very respectfully,

D. G. LIVINGSTON,

Secretary of the Senate.

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

The following Bills, which had passed the Senate, were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the Act regulating Common Law Proceedings;

A Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal An Act entitled An Act to amend the several Acts concerning Licenses to retail Spirituous Liquors.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Wynn allowed to introduce, without previous notice, a bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of J. M. Landrum.

Mr. Eppes gave notice that he would, on some future day, introduce a Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the General Act for the Incorporation of Towns, Academies and Religious Societies, approved January 6, 1847.

Mr. Filor gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a Bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the migration of Negroes or Free Persons of Color into the Port of Key West in Vessels in a wrecked or disabled condition.