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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.

Mr. Provence presented the Petition of John W. Porter, Mayor of the City of Key West, in relation to Water Lots and Wharves;

Which was read, and on motion referred to a Select Committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Provence, Crigler, Tracy, Eppes and Wynn.

Mr. Eppes presented a Memorial from the Citizens of Apalachicola, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the improvement of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola;

Which was read.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Eppes permitted, without previous notice, to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act to improve the navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola;

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion the Memorial and Bill were referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Eppes, Myrick, Gillis, Cone and Filor.

Mr. Long presented a Petition from Thomas E. Harvin, in relation to the purchase of Lands therein named;

Which was read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, December 14, 1854. }

HON. H. V. SNELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—I have approved and signed An Act entitled An Act to empower John Richard Bradford, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate.

JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read.

Mr. Long from the Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following Report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined An Act to repeal an Act entitled, "An Act in relation to a Road Tax in the Counties of Santa Rosa and Escambia," as far as it relates to the County of Santa Rosa, and report the same as correctly enrolled.

M. A. LONG,
Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Provence from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Presentment of the Grand Jury of Duval County, in relation to the granting certain lands to the Jacksonville and Alligator Plank Road Company, made the following Report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred part of the general Presentment of the Grand Jury of the County of Duval,

have had the same under consideration, and through me their Chairman, ask leave to

REPORT:

That they find the Presentment asks for aid from the Internal Improvement fund, or a donation of alternate sections of the State's swamp lands, to the Jacksonville and Alligator Plank Road Company.

It has not been usual to grant aid to such works from the Internal Improvement fund, but appropriations have been constantly denied; therefore this Committee cannot recommend aid from that particular quarter.

But the work, as has been represented, is one of the first importance, and its completion is most earnestly desired; therefore, your Committee recommend that alternate sections of the land, known as the Swamp Land, in every township through which the Road passes, be granted by the State to said Company.

Your Committee mention as a prominent reason for such an appropriation, that large bodies of land now worthless, or nearly so, will in all probability be made very valuable. As they now are situated, ages will pass by and those lands yet remain unsettled, unsold, and contribute nothing to the production or wealth of the State or the world; and the State will enjoy only the lasting glory and gratification of being a large landed proprietor. But if this Plank Road and others should be constructed through the sections in which the State owns vast bodies of swamp lands, the probability, that they may be used, useful, and at the same time sold, is increased one thousand fold.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend the establishment of some principle of appropriation to such works as may, *even possibly*, contribute to make our swamp lands valuable and inhabitable.

Respectfully submitted,

D. PROVENCE,
Chairman.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Filor from the Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following Report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have instructed the undersigned to report the following Bills as correctly engrossed:

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to empower Charles H. Longworth of Gadsden County to manage his own estate.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to authorize Wm. Webb to establish a Ferry across Escambia Bay.

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.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act granting certain lands to the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,
Chairman.

Which was read and the bills placed among the orders of the day. Mr. Hopkins, from a Select Committee, made the following report :

The Select Committee to whom was referred a bill entitled, An act to amend an act to incorporate the Jacksonville and Alligator Plank Road Company,

REPORT :

That they have had the same under consideration, and there being nothing therein contrary to the Statutes now in this State regulating Charters, respectfully return the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

ED. HOPKINS,
Chairman.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 16, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

SIR :—The House has adopted the Joint Rules reported by the Joint Select Committee appointed for the purpose of drafting the same.

Very respectfully,
HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read.
Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
DECEMBER 18, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

SIR :—The following Bills and Resolution have passed the House, viz :

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act to provide for the payment of Jurors and State Witnesses, approved January 8, 1848 ;

Senate Bill to be entitled, An act for the Relief of John B. Anderson, without amendment.

Senate Resolution for payment of Board of Internal Improvement, with the following amendment, viz :

Add the following additional Resolution :

“ Be it further resolved, That upon the Comptroller auditing said

Claims, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to pay the same out of the Internal Improvement Fund : *Provided*, said amount so paid shall be returned to said fund, whenever any money shall come into the Treasury resulting from the sale of Swamp Lands.”

In which amendment the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,
HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House Representatives.

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

The Senate Bill was ordered to be enrolled.

The Amendment to the Resolution in regard to the payment of Board of Internal Improvement, was concurred in by the Senate.

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

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 18, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

SIR :—Messrs. Carter, Parsons and Bellamy have been appointed a Committee on the part of the House, to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the Hon. David L. Yulee, and inform him of his election as United States Senator.

Very respectfully,
HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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 second time.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, said Bill was indefinitely postponed.

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

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

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

Nays—Messrs. Kilcrease and Provence—2.

So said Bill passed, title as stated.

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

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to grant Pre-emptions on Sixteenth Sections;

Came up on its second reading.

On motion, the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to whom it had been referred, were adopted in lieu of the original Bill.

Said Bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled, An act concerning Interest;

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Long, said Bill was laid on the table.

A Bill to provide for the payment of Criminal Prosecutions, and for other purposes;

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 to-morrow.

A Bill for the relief of James M. Landrum;

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

Engrossed Bill to authorize Charles H. Longworth, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Crigler, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long and Nicholson—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Filor, Gillis, Myrick, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—8.

So said Bill was lost.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled, An Act to authorize William Webb to establish a Ferry across Escambia Bay;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Crigler, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—14.

Nays—Mr. Kilcrease—1.

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 authorize Thomas H. Willis of Leon County, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Crigler, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—16.

Nays—None.

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 granting certain Lands to the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Filor, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Tracy and Wynn—13.

Nays—Messrs. Crigler and Smith—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 An Act entitled An Act to incorporate the Jacksonville and Alligator Plank Road Company;

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Long, the fourth Section of said Bill was stricken out, and the Bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House Bill to be entitled An Act to amend An Act to provide for the payment of Jurors and State Witnesses, approved January 8, 1848;

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

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 19, 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.

An Enrolled bill "entitled An act to repeal An act in relation to a Road Tax in the Counties of Santa Rosa and Escambia, as far as it relates to the County of Santa Rosa," which had passed both Houses of the General Assembly and had been signed by the presiding officers thereof, was transmitted for approval to His Excellency the Governor.

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

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

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