

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;

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

Also, that the Senate concurred in the House amendment to Senate resolution in relation to payment of the Internal Improvement Board;

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize and empower Andrew J. Lea, administrator, to sell certain real estate therein specified, has been indefinitely postponed by the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, a Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Eppes, Tracy and Gillis were appointed to wait upon the House of Representatives and request the return of House bill entitled An act to authorize Andrew J. Lea, administrator, to sell certain real estate therein specified.

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

Mr. Hopkins gave notice that he would on to-morrow, or some future day, introduce a bill to be entitled An act to abolish the office of State Engineer and Geologist.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Crigler permitted, without previous notice, to introduce a bill to be entitled An act to prevent white persons from gaming with negroes and other persons of color;

Which bill was placed among the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Tracy, Mr. Filor was added to the select Committee, to whom was referred the petition of John W. Porter, Mayor of the city of Key West.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Long permitted, without previous notice, to introduce the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate a Bank in the city of Tallahassee;

Also, a bill to be entitled An act to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attorneys of this State. Said bills were placed among the Orders of the Day.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Kilcrease allowed to introduce, without previous notice, a bill to be entitled An act to prevent the reduction of two pounds of Cotton per bale;

Which bill was placed among the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Tracy, the vote rejecting the bill to be entitled An act to authorize Charles H. Longworth, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, was re-considered, and said bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

A Committee was received from the House of Representatives, who returned House bill to be entitled An act to authorize and empower Andrew J. Lea, administrator, to sell certain real estate therein specified.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the vote had on yesterday indefinitely

postponing said bill was re-considered, and the bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Eppes Introduced the following Resolution:

Resolution respecting the establishment of a Mail Route from Tallahassee via Sopchoppy, in Wakulla County, to White Bluff or Pickett's Ville, at the mouth of Crooked River, on the Apalachicola Bay:

WHEREAS, The Counties of Wakulla and Franklin, bordering on Oeklocknee and Crooked River, are being densely settled and have thus far been overlooked by the General Government, and unprovided with the facilities and blessings of a mail connection with the interior portions of the State, and thus greatly inconvenienced for the same; AND WHEREAS, From their exposed condition on the Gulf of Mexico, such a connexion with the interior would be of great public benefit and convenience, and in time of war of immense service for the transmission of intelligence:

Be it therefore Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly Convened, That our Senators and Representative in Congress be requested to urge upon the proper Department in Washington City, the establishment of a Mail Route from Tallahassee, via Sopchoppy in Wakulla County, to White Bluff or Pickett's Ville, at the mouth of Crooked River on the Apalachicola Bay, and that they use their best endeavors to have the same given out by contract at the earliest possible time.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit, duly certified, a copy of the foregoing Preamble and Resolution to our Senators and Representative in Congress.

Which was read and placed among the Orders of the Day, for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Hopkins introduced the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, In 1852, an application was made to Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the mouth of the St. John's River, Florida: AND WHEREAS, two appropriations of ten thousand dollars each were granted, both of which were based upon the plan and estimates made by Dr. A. S. Baldwin, and which received the recommendations of the proper authorities and also the sanction of Congress:

Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly Convened, That our Delegation in Congress be requested to use their best exertions, to cause the appropriation of ten thousand dollars granted in the River and Harbor Act, passed August, 1852, for the "improvement of the St. John's River, Florida;" and also the appropriation of ten thousand dollars granted in the Light House appropriation bill for the preservation of the Light House Site at the mouth of the River St. John's, Florida, passed in August, 1852, to be restored and ap-

plied to the construction of a dam across Fort George Inlet, in accordance with the plan proposed.

And further be it resolved, That our Delegation be requested to place the appropriation in the hands of the Governor of this State, and that the money be expended and the work of construction of said dam be placed under the charge of an agent or engineer, selected by the Governor of Florida.

Which was read the first time and placed among the Orders of the Day for a second reading on to-morrow.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following Bills as correctly Engrossed:

A bill to be entitled An act to grant pre-emptions on School Lands;

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

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,

Chairman.

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

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined and beg leave to report as correctly enrolled:

A resolution for the payment of the Board of Internal Improvement;

Also An act for the relief of John B. Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Mr. Provence from the Committee on Corporations made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Lagoon and Perdido Canal Company, have had the same under consideration, and

REPORT:

That they recommend that the concluding paragraph of section 8th, which is in these words, "or adequate security given for the payment thereof," be stricken out.

They further recommend that the following additional section be added to said bill, viz:

Sec. 11. *Be it further enacted,* That the opening and making of the said Canal, shall be commenced and undertaken within twenty-

four months from the passage of said bill, and shall be completed within the space of five years, otherwise the powers and franchises, hereinbefore granted, shall be null and void.

The Committee recommend that the bill, amended as hereinbefore specified, be passed.

D. PROVENCE,

Chairman.

Which was read and the bill, with amendments as recommended, were placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Eppes from a Select Committee made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred a memorial of the citizens of Apalachicola, in the County of Franklin, with a bill accompanying for the improvement of the navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola, have duly considered the same, and unanimously instructed the undersigned to

REPORT:

That the Committee concur with the memorialists in the great importance of the contemplated improvement, demanded as it is by the commerce of the place, and enuring as it will, to the benefit of the interior portions of the State bordering on the Apalachicola and Chattahoochee Rivers. They can see no valid objection to the same, the object being of general utility, while the expense is altogether local in its character. They, therefore, unanimously recommend the passage of said bill.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. EPPES,

Chairman Select Committee.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

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

A bill to be entitled, An act to prevent white persons from gaming with negroes and other persons of color;

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

A bill to be entitled An act to improve the navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola;

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

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Engrossed bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the payment of criminal prosecutions 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, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—17.

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 to grant Pre-emptions on School Lands ;

Was read the third time, 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, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—17

Nays—None.

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 An act entitled An act to incorporate the Jacksonville and Alligator Plank Road Company ;

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, Kilcrease, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—15.

Nays—None.

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 reduction of two pounds of Cotton per bale ;

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

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate a Bank in the city of Tallahassee ;

Came up on its first reading, the rule waived and the bill read a first and second time by its title, and ordered that 75 copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

A bill to be entitled An act to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attorneys in this State ;

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

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Lagoon and Perido Canal Company ;

Came up on its second reading, when on motion of Mr. Eppes, said bill was laid on the table, and ordered that 75 copies of said bill together with the report of the Committee on Corporations to whom it was referred, be printed for the use of the Senate.

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, when on motion said bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

Came up on its second reading.

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 as amended, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which report was concurred in, and the bill as amended read the second time, and ordered to be Engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion,

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

WEDNESDAY, December 20, 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 Enrolled Bill and Resolution which had passed both Houses of the General Assembly, and signed by the presiding Officers thereof, were transmitted for approval to his Excellency the Governor, viz :

An Act for the relief of John B. Anderson of Jackson County ;

A Resolution for payment of the Board of Internal Improvement.

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

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for the payment of the expenses of Criminal Prosecutions and for other purposes.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to grant pre-emptions on School Lands.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to Incorporate the Jacksonville and Alligator Plank Road Company.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Smith permitted, without previous notice, to introduce a Bill to be entitled, An Act to author-