

THURSDAY, December 28, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum being present, on motion of Mr. Brinson, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The concurrence of the Senate to House amendments to Senate bill to be entitled An act in relation to Pilotage at the Port of Key West; the refusal of the same to one of the House amendments to Senate bill to be entitled An act in relation to slaves and free persons of color; the refusal of the same to concur in House amendments to Senate bill entitled An act governing Judges of Probate in certain cases; and the refusal of the same to concur in one of the House amendments to Senate bill to consolidate the office of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector of Jackson County, were transmitted to the House of Representatives.

The following Bills and Resolutions which had passed the Senate, were also transmitted, viz:

A bill to be entitled An act to regulate the performance of the duties of the Supreme Court of this State and to change the time and place for holding the terms thereof;

A bill to be entitled An act explanatory of the several acts in relation to the migration of negroes or free persons of color into Key West;

A bill to be entitled An act to empower the County Commissioners of Wakulla County to levy a tax for the purpose of building a Court House in said County;

House bill to be entitled An act extending the time authorizing George H. Tresper to establish a ferry across the Suwannee River and for other purposes;

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of John Sapp, of Madison County;

House bill to be entitled An act in relation to Pilotage at the Port of Bayport;

House Resolution asking Congress to declare Indian River a Port of Delivery;

House Resolution authorizing the Governor to compensate James D. Westcott for services in the Supreme Court of the United States, and for other purposes; and

House Resolution requesting an order from the Secretary of War to the Indian Agent in Florida, for the delivery of a negro man belonging to B. M. Dell, of Florida.

On motion of Mr. Hawes, the use of the Senate Chamber was granted to Dr. Crane for the purpose of delivering a Lecture, this evening.

Mr Hawes gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a Bill to be entitled An Act granting aid to the County of Putnam, to build a Jail and Court House.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Provençe permitted, without previous notice, to introduce a Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the 5th Section of the 6th Article of the Constitution;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

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

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attorneys of this State, and for other purposes.

JAMES FILOR, Chairman.

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

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, December 22, 1854. }

HON. H. V. SNELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—I have approved and signed the following Acts and Resolution:

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

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;

A Resolution for payment of the Board of Internal Improvement.

JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 27, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act to change the name and establish the County Site of St. Lucie County;

Senate Bill to be entitled An Act to change the time of holding Circuit Court for Calhoun County, with the following amendment, viz:

Strike out the word "conflicting," in the second Section, and insert in lieu thereof the words "so far as they may conflict;"

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

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the Bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 28, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

SIR:—The House has ordered the printing of 75 copies of the following Bills, viz :

A Bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the Florida and Macon Railroad Company ;

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Florida Railroad Company.

The House has concurred in Senate amendment of Resolution asking that Tampa be made a Port of Delivery.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read.

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House bill to be entitled An act to provide for the relinquishment to the United States in certain cases title to and jurisdiction over lands for sites of Light Houses and for other purposes on the coast and waters of this State ;

Was read the second time.

When on motion of Mr. Hopkins, the word "Twenty" in the 5th line of the first Section was stricken out and the word "Four" inserted in lieu thereof, and the bill as amended ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An act authorizing the Governor to borrow money to redeem the outstanding State Scrip, issued under the act of the 7th January, 1853 ;

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Hawes referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

House bill to be entitled An act to unite the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector in Hernando and Escambia Counties ;

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

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, December 23, 1854. }

HON. H. V. SNELL,

President of the Senate :

SIR:—I respectfully submit the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly :

For the County of Duval :

Auctioneers—William Ledwith and George H. Smith.

For Jackson County :

Auctioneers—W. A. Whitfield and Geo. W. Tillinghast.

For Hamilton County :

Auctioneer—William T. Purviance.

For Hillsborough County :

Auctioneer—Madison Post.

For Orange County :

Auctioneer—Douglas Dummett.

For St. John's County :

Auctioneer—R. B. Canova.

For Marion County :

Auctioneer—E. D. Howse.

For Monroe County :

Auctioneer—R. L. Hicks.

JAMES E. BRÖOME.

Which was read, and the nominations therein made were advised and consented to.

House bill to be entitled An act to legalize the proceedings of the Judge of Probate of St. Lucie County ;

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

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to prevent the abduction and escape of Slaves from this State ;

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the Senate resolved itself into a 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 sundry amendments, and recommended its passage, and asked to be discharged from the farther consideration of the subject.

Which report was concurred in.

The Bill, as amended, was read the second time, and the amendments ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to locate the Seminary of Learning to be established west of the Suwannee River in this State ;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Myrick moved that the Bill be indefinitely postponed.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Gillis and Nicholson, and were :

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Hawes, Kilcrease and Long—6.

So said Bill was indefinitely postponed.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act for the relief of Doctor William S. Wilson and Doctor Ethelbridge Philips;

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

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend an Act now in force in relation to the partition of Estates real and personal;

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

Mr. Cone moved that the Senate take a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Hopkins and Gillis, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Myrick and Tracy—6.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Nicholson and Smith—10.

So the motion was lost.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend the Fifth Section of the Sixth Article of the Constitution of this State;

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

Engrossed Bill to be entitled, An Act to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attorneys of this State, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Myrick moved to strike out the two last sections of said Bill.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Long and Provence, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Kilcrease and Myrick—10.

Nays—Messrs. Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Nicholson and Provence—5.

So the said sections were stricken out.

The Bill, as amended, 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 create a State Librarian;

Came up on its third reading.

The rule was waived, and on motion of Mr. Hopkins, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the same—Mr. Provence in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the Committee rose, and through their Chairman reported the Bill back to the Senate with sundry amendments, and asked to be discharged.

Which report was concurred in.

The Bill, as amended, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House Bill to be entitled An Act to change the name and establish the County Site of St. Lucie County;

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act to change the time of holding Circuit Court of Calhoun County, with House amendment thereto;

Came up in order, and on motion of Mr. Myrick, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Myrick, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 29, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present;

On motion of Mr. Tracy, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The following Bill, which had passed the Senate, was transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to hold the Courts of Orange County at Mellonville.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Eppes permitted to introduce without previous notice a Bill to be entitled, An Act to repeal an Act entitled An Act to restore the force and operation of the General Laws of this State, in relation to the Migration of Free Persons of Color into this State, approved December 15, 1854;

Which was placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Cone presented the petition of ninety-four citizens of Columbia County, praying for the establishment of a new County;

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Long, said petition was laid upon the table.

Mr. Provence introduced a Resolution in regard to Copying the Laws;

Which was placed among the Orders of the Day.

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 to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attorneys of this State;

A bill to be entitled An act to create a State Librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR, Chairman.

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