

Mr. Provence moved that the first Section of said Bill be amended as follows:

Strike out all after the word "provided," in the fifth line, and insert in lieu thereof the words "if he should be found qualified according to the manner and form now prescribed by law."

Which was adopted, and the amendment ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled An Act to sub-divide Gadsden County;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third times, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—17.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Long the title of said bill was amended by striking out the words "to sub-divide Gadsden County," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "in relation to the election of County Commissioners in Gadsden County."

Ordered that the passage of said bill be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Brinson, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum not being present, on motion of Mr. Tracy, a call of the Senate was ordered, when the following members answered to their names, viz:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Hawes, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—9.

On motion, the Sergeant-at-Arms was directed to request the attendance of absent members.

The President announced that a quorum was present.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 29, 1854.

Honorable President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House has passed the following Bill:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and said bill placed among the orders of the day. House Bill to be entitled, An Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State;

Came up on its first reading.

On motion of Mr. Long the rule was waived, and the bill read the first and second times by its title.

On motion the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of said bill—Mr. Hawes in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and through their Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again;

Which was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Provence, the use of the Senate Chamber was given to Dr. Crane, for the purpose of delivering a lecture this evening.

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

SATURDAY, December 30, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

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

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

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to create a State Librarian;

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 in relation to the election of County Commissioners in Gadsden County;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act for the regulation of Pilots and Pilotage of the Bay and Harbor of Pensacola;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act for the relief of William R. Hayward and others;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to legalize the proceedings of the Judge of Probate of St. Lucie County;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend an Act concerning Roads and Highways now in force in this State;

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, with enclosed amendment;

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

House Resolution making appropriations for repairs on the Capitol.

The President announced that the appropriation made for stationery for the use of the Senate was exhausted.

On motion of Mr. Tracy the Secretary was authorized to purchase such stationery as the Senate should require for the balance of the session.

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 and Resolution as correctly engrossed:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal 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;

A Bill to be entitled An Act for the Relief of Dr. William S. Wilson and Dr. Phillips;

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act now in force in relation to the Partition of Estates, Real and Personal;

A Resolution asking Congress to amend the Law in reference to the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning in this State, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,
Chairman.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 29, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House has passed enclosed Resolution relative to Copying the Laws of the present Session.

The House has ordered the printing of seventy-five copies of a Bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the selection of Grand and Petit Jurors.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read and the Resolution placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House Bill to be entitled, An act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State;

Was, on motion of Mr. Tracy, taken up first in order.

On motion the Senate again went into Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of said bill—Mr. Hawes 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.

Which report was concurred in.

Mr. Long moved to amend the 5th Section by inserting the words "any portion of whose."

Which was adopted.

Mr. Long also offered the following:

To amend Section 5, third line, by striking out the word "indicated" and insert the word "authorized."

Also to amend third line by inserting the words "and amendments thereto" after the word "charters," and before the word "shall."

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Long moved to amend the Sixth Section, 15th line, by adding after the word "post" the word "live";

Which amendment was agreed to.

In the 30th line, Sixth Section, after the words "tariff" and "for," insert "transportation of passengers and";

Also at the end of 31st line, same Section, insert "and no discrimination shall be made by one Company against the freight or passengers of another Company";

Also amend Twenty-third Section, by adding at the end of the 11th line the following words, viz: "but not if he be in arrears for more than one quarter's compensation to such Company";

Which several amendments were agreed to and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill as amended was made the special order of the day for Tuesday next.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Smith permitted, according to previous notice, to introduce a Bill to be entitled An Act to extend the Limitation of Merchants' Accounts in this State;

Which was received and placed among the Orders of the Day.

Resolution in regard to Copying the Laws;

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Hawes, the following amendment was offered to said Resolution, viz:

Strike out all after the word "for," in the 10th line of said Resolution, and insert "the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars";

Which amendment was agreed to.

Ordered that the same be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to Incorporate a Bank in the city of Tallahassee;

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 progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Which report was concurred in.
On motion of Mr. Eppes, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, January 1, 1855.

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

A quorum being present;

On motion of Mr. Brinson, the reading of the Journal of Saturday was dispensed with.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Hawes introduced a Bill to be entitled An Act granting aid to the County of Putnam to build a Court House and Jail;

Which was placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Cone presented a Petition from citizens of Columbia County, in relation to the Claim of William Rawlerson and Ransom Foster for loss of horses in the Service;

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Cone, the Petition was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Provence presented a Memorial from M. Whit Smith, in relation to the Estate of William Crawford;

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Provence, the Memorial was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

The following Message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, December 29, 1854. }

HON. H. V. SNELL,

President of the Senate :

SIR:—I have approved and signed the following Senate Bills:

An Act to repeal Section Four of an Act to establish and organize a Mayor's Court for the City of Apalachicola, approved January 5, 1853;

An Act in relation to a Road Tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion;

An Act to establish a Ferry at Brown's Ferry, in Jackson County;

An Act to allow the Supreme and Circuit Courts of this State to hold Extra Terms, &c.;

An Act to enforce the Laws against Violations of the Sabbath Day in Monroe County;

An Act for the Relief of Doctor C. A. Hentz;

An Act in relation to Evidence.

Respectfully,
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 and report as correctly enrolled the following:

An Act to authorize the drainage of Alachua Savannah;

An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act to permanently fix the Election Precincts in the County of Columbia, and to repeal certain Acts therein named, approved January 8, 1853;

An Act to empower Charles H. Longworth, of Gadsden County, to manage his own estate;

An Act to amend An Act in relation to Pilotage at the Port of Key West;

An Act to authorize William Webb to establish a Ferry across Escambia Bay;

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

An Act to prevent white persons from gaming with negroes, or other persons of color;

Resolution in relation to a Mail Route from Tallahassee, via Sopchoppy, in Wakulla County, to White Bluff, or Pickettsville, at the mouth of Crooked River, on the Apalachicola Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,
Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Mr. Eppes, from the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, made the following Report;

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution, to whom was referred A Bill to be entitled, An Act to amend the Fifth Section of the Sixth Article of the Constitution of this State, have had the same under consideration, and instructed the undersigned to report the same bill back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

T. J. EPPES, Chairman.

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

Mr. Hopkins, from the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, made the following Report:

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of reducing the Tax on Saw-Mills, beg leave to report, that in their opinion the present tax on saw-mills is too great, and recommend that it be reduced to ten cents on every hundred dollars value of such property.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HOPKINS, Chairman.

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