

Resolution asking Congress to grant to the several Counties the Sixteenth Sections within their limits.

The House has concurred in Senate amendment to House Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the City of St. Augustine, approved 4th February, 1833.

Senate Bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the Institution of Suits before Justices of the Peace in Santa Rosa County, has been lost in the House.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the House Bills and Resolutions ordered to be placed among the Orders of the Day.

House Resolution to bring on the Election of State Officers;

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

House Resolution asking Congress to grant the several Counties the Sixteenth Sections within their limits;

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

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to organize the County of Manatee;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, the bill read the second time, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Census and Apportionment.

House Resolutions asking Congress to grant to the County of Hillsborough the Military Reserve, embracing Fort Brooke, for a Commercial Railroad Depot;

Were read the first time, the rule waived, the Resolutions read the second and third time, and upon the question of their passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—13.

Nays—None.

So the Resolutions passed.

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

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to extend political equality to Ignatio Phalez and others;

Was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins the rule was waived, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill to be entitled, An Act for the relief of purchasers of Swamp or Internal Improvement Lands from the United States;

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

On motion of Mr. Long, House Bill entitled An Act to provide

for the appointment of Inspectors of Tar and Turpentine in this State, was taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the same—Mr. Hawes in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and through their Chairman reported the bill back with an amendment, and asked to be discharged.

Which was concurred in, and the bill as amended read the second and third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Hawes, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—12.

Nays—Mr. Hopkins—1.

So said Bill passed as amended—title as stated.

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

On motion of Mr. Long, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, January 2, 1855.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present;

On motion of Mr. Tracy, the reading of the Journal 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 amend an Act now in force in relation to the Partition of Estates, Real and Personal;

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

House Bill to be entitled An Act to admit Anderson J. Peeler to practice Law in the several Courts of this State, with enclosed amendment;

House Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the appointment of Inspectors of Tar and Turpentine in this State, with enclosed amendment;

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;

Resolution relative to Copying the Laws of the present Session;

Preamble and Resolutions asking Congress to grant to the County

of Hillsborough the Military Reserve, embracing Fort Brooke, for a Commercial Railroad Depot.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Nicholson permitted to introduce, without previous notice, a Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Gregory Yneistra and F. B. Bobe to establish a Wharf in the City of Pensacola;

Also a Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Celestino Gonzalez to establish a Wharf in the City of Pensacola;

Which Bills were placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Long permitted to introduce, without previous notice, a Bill to be entitled An Act to Incorporate the Tallahassee and Georgia Plank Road Company;

Which was read and 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 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, and find the same correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR, Chairman.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 2, 1855.

Honorable President of the Senate:

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to raise a revenue for the State of Florida, and defining the duties of the Collectors and Assessors thereof, approved July 24, 1845;

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prevent planting without a fence in Walton County;

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Benjamin Marshall to charge Wharfage in the town of Milton;

A Bill to be entitled An Act to regulate Pilotage on the Bar of the River St. Johns;

Senate 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;

Senate 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; and

Senate Bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the election of County Commissioners in Gadsden County.

The House has indefinitely postponed Senate Bill to be entitled An

Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to amend the several Acts concerning Licenses to retail Spirituous Liquors;

The House has concurred in Senate amendment to 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.

The House has refused to concur in Senate amendments to House Bill to be entitled An Act to prevent the abduction and escape of Slaves from this State.

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the Act amendatory of the Act to organize the Supreme Court of Florida; and

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend an Act incorporating the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company, approved December 13, 1852.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read and the House Bills placed among the orders of the day, and the Senate Bills which had passed both Houses were ordered to be enrolled.

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 read the third time as amended.

Mr. Eppes moved that the bill be recommitted to a Committee; Which motion was lost.

Upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—15.

Nays—Messrs. Gillis and Myrick—2.

So the Bill passed—title as stated.

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

House Resolution in relation to Mail Routes;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—13.

Nays—None.

So said Resolution passed.

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

House Resolution relative to Copying the Laws of the present Session;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Criglar, Eppes, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Smith and Tracy—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Filor, Gillis, Kilcrease and Nicholson—6.

So said Resolution passed.

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

House Resolution to bring on the Election of State Officers;

Came up on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cone, the Resolution was laid on the table.

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the Revenue Act concerning Saw Mills;

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the rule was waived, the Bill read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Myrick, Nicholson, Providence, Smith and Tracy—16.

Nays—Mr. Long—1.

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 extend the Limitations of Merchants' Accounts in this State;

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

House Bill to be entitled An Act for the Relief of Purchasers of Swamp or Internal Improvement Lands from the United States;

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

House Resolution asking Congress to grant to the several Counties the Sixteenth Sections within their limits;

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Celestino Gonzalez to establish a Wharf in the City of Pensacola;

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Gregory Yneistra and F. a. Bobe to establish a Wharf in the City of Pensacola;

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

A Bill to be entitled An Act to Incorporate the Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad Company;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second time by its title, and on motion referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements, and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed.

Engrossed 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;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—13.

Nays—Messrs. Cone and Criglar—2.

So said bill passed, title as stated.

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

House Bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled An Act to raise a Revenue for the State of Florida, and defining the duties of the Collectors and Assessors thereof, approved July 24, 1845;

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

On motion the rule was waived;

When Mr. Hopkins moved a reconsideration of the vote on House Resolution appointing Mr. Haughton to copy the Laws passed by the present General Assembly;

Which motion was lost.

House Bill to be entitled An Act to prevent Planting without a fence in Walton County;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson and Tracy—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Cone, Criglar, Long and Smith—5.

So said Bill passed, title as stated.

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

House Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Benjamin Marshall to charge Wharfage in the Town of Milton;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson and Smith—14.

Nays—None.

So said Bill passed—title as stated.

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

House Bill to be entitled An Act to regulate the Pilotage of the Bar of the River St. Johns;

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

House Bill to be entitled An Act to prevent the Abduction and Escape of Slaves from this State, with Senate amendments thereto, in which the House refused to concur;

Came up in order.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, a Committee of Conference, consisting of Messrs. Hopkins, Filor and Eppes, was appointed to act with a similar Committee on the part of the House, to take into consideration said amendments.

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

On motion, the rule was waived;

When on motion of Mr. Smith, the Petition of Thomas E. Harvin was again referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

On motion of Mr. Myrick, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole upon a Bill to be entitled An Act to Incorporate a Bank in the City of Tallahassee.

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

Which was granted.

On motion, the rule was waived;

When Mr. Hopkins, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following Report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a Bill to be entitled An Act granting Aid to the County of Putnam to build a Court House and Jail, have had the same under consideration, and

REPORT:

That they have also had under consideration a Petition from sundry citizens of the County of Putnam, praying that the sum of two thousand dollars be loaned, on good and sufficient security being given, for the purpose of erecting a Jail and Court House. Your Committee have agreed, therefore, to recommend the passage of the Bill with the following amendments:

Strike out the word "three," and insert the word "two";

Strike out the word "seven," and insert the word "six," which is the legal interest of the State.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD HOPKINS,

Chairman.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 1855.

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 amend the Revenue Laws of this State concerning Saw Mills;

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 15th, 1854;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to prevent planting without a fence in Walton County;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to authorize Benjamin Marshall to charge wharfage in the town of Milton;

House Resolution relative to copying the Laws of the present session, with enclosed amendment; and

House Resolution in relation to Mail Routes, with enclosed amendment.

The following Bills and Resolutions which had passed both Houses of the General Assembly, and had been duly enrolled and signed by the presiding officers thereof, were transmitted for approval to his Excellency the Governor, viz:

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

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

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

An Act to prevent white persons from gaming with Negroes and other Persons of Color;

Resolutions respecting the establishment of 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;

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

An Act to authorize the drainage of the Alachua Savannah.