

lor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Perry, Smith, Tracey and Wynn—16.

Nays—Mr. Kilcrease—1.

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 for the relief of George Combs was read the first time, and,

On motion, the rule was waived, and read a 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, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicolson, Perry, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—17.

The bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the town of New Port, county of Wakulla, State of Florida, came up on its first reading, and,

On motion, the rule was waived, read the first time by its title, and,

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

An Act to amend the 1st section of the 9th article of the Constitution of the State was read three several times as on its first reading, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act in relation to a road tax in Putnam county was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to facilitate the construction of the various lines of railroad provided for by the Act entitled An Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State," approved 6th January, 1855, was read as amended, and,

On motion, laid on the table and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

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

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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum being present, the Senate proceeded to business.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act incorporating the town of Milton, in Santa Rosa county, was read a second time as amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend the election laws, was read the first, and,

On motion, the rule was waived, and read a second time by its title.

Mr. Long moved the indefinite postponement of said bill; upon which question the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Hopkins and Tracey, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Perry and Wynn—12.

Nays—Messrs. Gillis, Hopkins, Nicholson, Smith and Tracey—5

Said bill was indefinitely postponed,

Ordered to be so certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled An Act authorizing certain persons to practice law in this State,

Was read the first time, and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An act authorizing Bennett J. Horne to build a Toll-Bridge across the Withlacoochee River;

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

House bill entitled An Act for the relief of John L. Tatum,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act, for the election of a County Site in Orange County,,

Was read the first time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow-

Joint Resolution asking Congress to establish a new collection district, to be called the District of Tampa, and for other purposes,

Was read and adopted.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow, 10, A. M.

FRIDAY, December 7th, 1855.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum being present,

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

On motion,

The rule was waived, and Mr. Hopkins allowed to introduce without previous notice, a bill to be entitled An Act regulating the county tax of Duval County,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Brinson, without previous notice, allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Dr. R. H. Shaffer,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Filor introduced a bill to be entitled An Act to establish an uniform rate of commissions throughout this State,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

By consent a communication to Mr. Filor, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Hawes introduced the following.

Whereas, the delay on the part of the Land Office at Washington to confirm the claim of this State, to certain lands selected for the State as swamp or over-flowed lands, being highly detrimental to the interest of this State, by keeping these lands in a position in which they can neither be purchased nor secured by preemption and thus retarding the speedy settlement of a large portion of this State.

Be it 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 officers at Washington the necessity of immediate attention to this subject.

And be it further resolved, That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement fund, be requested to offer these lands for sale, at such prices and under such regulations as they in their wisdom may see fit to establish, as soon as possible after the title of the State to them has been confirmed.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Long, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following

REPORT:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of certain persons therein named, and also a memorial of William H. Ward and V. R. Prevatt, having considered the same, instruct the undersigned to report as follows:

The Committee perceive no valid objection to the passage of the bill, although there be a mere change of name provided for, because the change of name becomes necessary as a consequence of another provision legitimatizing the person whose name is changed.

As to the memorial referred to the Committee, the prayer thereof

is deemed proper to be granted, and therefore the undersigned here, with presents an amendment to said bill, declaring Hilda Prevatt and Elizabeth Ward legitimate children and heirs of William H. Ward.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

Mr. Myrick, from the Committee on Schools and Colleges, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a petition of the President and Secretary of the East Florida Seminary, praying a loan for ten years of six thousand dollars of the Seminary fund, at the rate of six per centum per annum, having considered the same, instruct the undersigned to report, that the prayer of said petitioners ought not to be granted. The Committee are satisfied, in the first place, that the Seminary fund ought not to be loaned out for so long a time as ten years, but only from year to year, and that a rate of interest of eight per centum per annum can easily be obtained, and ought, therefore, to be exacted.

Respectfully,

JNO. T. MYRICK,

Chairman.

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 change the name of certain persons therein mentioned.

An Act entitled An Act to authorize County Commissioners to extend charters to bridges and ferries in this State.

An Act to incorporate the town of New Port, county of Wakulla, State of Florida; and,

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend An Act to incorporate the town of Milton, in Santa Rosa county;

And find the same correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. FILOR,

Chairman.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, viz :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 7th, 1855. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal An Act in relation to electing County Commissioners in the county of Gadsden.

A bill to be entitled An Act to allow William Colson to enter the North East quarter of Section 16, T. 7, R. 19, S. and E., of the Common School Fund.

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of William Sapp, of Madison county.

Resolution relative to an adjournment *sine die* ; and,

Senate bill to be entitled An Act declaratory of the law in relation to the replevy of property levied on by execution.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the House Bills and Resolution accompanying same placed among the orders of the day, and Senate bill ordered to be enrolled.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled An Act to facilitate the construction of the various lines of Rail Road in this State, provided for by An Act entitled "An Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvement in this State,," approved 6th January, 1855. made the order of the day for to-day, came up on its second reading

On motion,

The Senate resolved itself into Committee of the whole upon said bill.

After some time spent therein the Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion,

The Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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The Senate resumed its Session.

The following Bill and Resolution having passed both Houses

of the General Assembly, and having been signed by the presiding officers thereof, were forwarded to his Excellency for his approval, viz :

An Act entitled An Act to amend An Act Incorporating the City of Apalachicola, approved January 22, 1851.

And Resolution relative to the establishment of a Land Office in Santa Rosa county.

A bill to be entitled An Act to change the names of certain persons therein mentioned, was read a third time and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Myrick, Nickolson, Perry, Tracey and Wynn—14.

Nays—none.

The bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the town of New Port, County of Wakulla, State of Florida,

Was read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage, the vote was,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Myrick, Nicholson, Perry, Tracey and Wynn—14.

Nays—None.

Bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the County Commissioners to extend charters to bridges and Ferries, in this State,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, the vote was

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Perry, Smith, Tracey and Wynn—16.

Nays—None.

The bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend 1st section of the 9th article of the Constitution of this State, was read three several times as on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled An Act in relation to a road tax in Putnam county, was read a second time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend An Act to incorporate the

town of Milton, in Santa Rosa county, approved 23:d February, 1844, was,

On motion, read a third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Perry, Smith, Tracey and Wynn—16.

The bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled An Act to authorize certain persons to practice law in this State, was read a second time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Bennett J. Horne to establish a Ferry across the Withlacoochee river,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time and put upon its passage, and the vote was,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Perry, Smith, Tracey and Wynn—16.

Nays none.

The bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled An Act for the election of a County Site in Orange County,

Was read a second time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act for the benefit of John L. Tatum,

Was read a second time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Dr, R. H. Shaffer,

Was read a first time.

A bill to be entitled An Act to establish an uniform rate of commissions throughout this State,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

House bill to be entitled An Act to repeal An Act in relation to electing County Commissioners in Gadsden county, was read the first time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to allow William Colson to enter N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 16, T. 7, R. 19 S. and E. of the Common School fund, was read the first time, rule waived, read second time by title and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

House bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of William Sapp, read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

House resolution relative to adjournment *sine die*, read first time, rule waived, read a second and third time, and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Perry, Smith, Tracey and Wynn—14.

Nays—Mr. President, Mr. Long—2.

The resolution passed.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Long from the Committee on enrolled bills, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on enrolled bills, report as correctly enrolled, the following resolutions :

Senate resolution authorizing appeals and writs of error from the District Court of Florida to the Circuit Court of Georgia.

Resolution in relation to the payment of the accounts of Henry J. Stewart and W. J. J. Duncan.

Preamble and resolution asking the establishment of a mail route along the Belamy road, between the St. Johns River and Newansvill, in the County of Alachua, and the transmission of semi-weekly mails over said route.

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was received.

On motion, Mr. White, Door Keeper, was excused from attendance upon the Senate until Tuesday next.

A bill regulating the county tax of Duval county, came up on its first reading, and on motion of Mr. Hopkins, laid on the table.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Perry allowed without previous notice, to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act for the benefit of the Seminary of Learning, located east of the Suwannee River.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock, A. M.