

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

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

Nays—None.

The bill passed, title as stated,

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

House bill to be entitled An Act to prevent Slaves in the City of St. Augustine from hiring their own time,

Was read the first time, and

Ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for a third reading on to-morrow.

Engrossed bill, to be entitled An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act in relation to pilotage at the Port of Key West,

Came up on its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Filor,

The rule was waived, and the bill read a third time by its title and the following amendment made in the 10th Section of said bill, in lieu of the words "one hundred" insert "fifty, to be enforced by any Justice of the Peace,"

And said bill ordered to be re-engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to establish the rates of Wharfage, Storage and Dockage, in the Port of Key West, County of Monroe,

Was read the first time,

And, on motion,

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, Duncan, Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Perry, Smith and Tracy—15.

Nays—none.

The bill passed,

Title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

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

WEDNESDAY, December 5th, 1855.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum being present,

The Rev. Mr. Turner, officiated as Chaplain.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Brinson introduced a bill to be entitled An Act authorizing William A. Moseley, to establish a Ferry over Suwannee River, at a place known as Moseley's Ferry,

Which was placed among the orders of the day for to-day.

Mr. Hopkins gave notice, that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled An Act amendatory of the 4th Section of An Act in relation to the migration of free persons of color into this State.

Mr. Filor gave notice, that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill regulating commissions in this State.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Brinson introduced a bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Brinson Ellis, to Brinson Rowe,

Which was placed among the orders of the day for to-day.

Mr. Filor, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following, and find the same correctly engrossed, viz ,

A bill to be entitled An Act amendatory of An Act to establish Election precincts in the county of Putnam, approved December 14th, 1852.

A bill to be entitled An Act to establish a ferry across the St. Johns River.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act in relation to pilotage at the Port of Key West.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. FILOR,

Chairman.

Which was received and concurred in, and the bills accompanying same, ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for to-day.

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

REPORT :

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances have had under consideration the petitions of Wm. B. Watkins and others, praying for relief, &c., and Report :

That they feel satisfied that it is a matter purely within the Execu-

live jurisdiction, and, therefore, return the matter back to the Senate without further action.

E. HOPKINS, Chairman.

Which was received and concurred in.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 4, 1855. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

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

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of certain persons therein named.

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize M. A. Brownlee to establish a Ferry across the St. Johns River.

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Nathaniel Bryant to establish a Ferry across the Suwannee river, at or near Shoal Town; and, Senate Resolution relative to the establishment of a Land Office in Santa Rosa county.

The House has ordered the printing of 75 copies of a bill to be entitled An Act to amend An Act incorporating the Florida Rail Road Company.

Very respectfully,
HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read,
And House bills accompanying same, placed among the orders of the day for to-day.

And Senate Resolution relative to the establishment of a Land Office in Santa Rosa county ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Filor,
The President appointed the following Committee on Finance :
Messrs. Filor, Gillis, and Hawes.

An abstract of loans to the State of Florida from the Internal Improvement Fund, School Fund and Seminary Fund, with interest to Nov. 1st, 1855, was received from the Treasurer of the State, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Engrossed bill to be entitled An Act authorizing Kirkland R. Duke to establish a Ferry across the St. Johns river, was read the third time, and, on the question of its passage, the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Myrick, Nicholson, Perry, Smith, and Tracy—13.

Nays—none.

The bill passed.

Title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill to be entitled An Act amendatory of An Act to establish election precincts in the County of Putnam, approved December 14th, 1852 ;

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

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Myrick, Nicholson, Perry, Smith and Tracey—13.

NAYS—None.

The bill passed :

Title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill, to be entitled An Act to prevent slaves in the City of St. Augustine from hiring their own time.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act in relation to pilotage at the Port of Key West,

Came up on its third reading,

And, on motion,

The rule was waived, the bill read a 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, Myrick, Nicholson, Perry, Smith and Tracy—15.

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 relief of certain persons therein named,

Was read the first time, and,

On motion, the rule was waived and read a second time by its title, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act to authorize M. A. Brownlee to establish a ferry on the St. Johns river,

Was read the first time, and,

On motion, the rule waived, 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, Myrick, Nicholson, Perry, Smith, and Tracy—14.

NAYS—Mr. Kilcrease—1.

The bill passed.

Title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Nathaniel Bryant to establish a ferry across the Suwannee river,

Was read the first time, and,

On motion, read a second time by its title and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Brinson Ellis to Brinson Rowe,

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

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize William A. Moseley to establish a ferry across the Suwannee river at a place known as Moseley's Ferry,

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

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, December, 6th, 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. Cone allowed without previous notice, to introduce a bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of George Combs, a citizen of Columbia County, in this State,

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day for to-day.

On motion,

The rule was waived, and Mr. Smith allowed without previous notice, to introduce a bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Town of New Port, in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida,"

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day for to-day.

Mr. Brinson from the Committee on Internal Improvement, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Internal Improvement, to whom was referred the bill entitled An Act to facilitate the construction of the various lines of railroad, provided for by the "Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvement in this State," approved 6th January, 1855, report, that they have had the same under advisement, and the provisions of the bill appear to them just and reasonable.

Your committee are convinced that the construction of the various railroads will be materially facilitated by the passage of the act, without jeopardy to the interests of the State. The general law of the last session contained certain details and specifications to which all the companies are absolutely required to conform, which have since been decided by competent civil engineers, of approved skill, to be not only more expensive than others which could be adopted, but absolutely less desirable than others, which could be executed for less money.

The object of the present bill is to permit the companies to avail themselves of the best and cheapest method of constructing their several roads.

The second section provides that the duties heretofore performed by the State Engineer may be performed by any other competent Civil Engineer, to be approved by the trustees. Your Committee are informed that the duties devolved upon the State Engineer by the general law, if not so onerous as to be absolutely beyond the power of any one man to perform, yet would frequently cause great delay in the operations of one road waiting for the presence of the State Engineer, actually at the time engaged in the performance of his official duties in a distant part of the State.

The 3rd section permits the companies to draw bonds on the completion of the first ten miles, instead of twenty, as heretofore provided. Your Committee can perceive no good reason for refusing this permission, as it is desired and will evidently facilitate the operations of the company without at all jeopardizing the interests of the State.

Your Committee have added a 4th section to the bill as referred to them. It provides, in substance, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, may lend money to the companies upon an hypothecation of their bonds, not exceeding seventy cents in the dollar; and also that any officer of this State having monies to invest