

tees of the Internal Improvement Fund was organized, they find that contrary to usage, there is no provision made by the said Act, rendering it obligatory upon said Board of Trustees to make official reports upon the several matters committed to their charge.

The interests confided to the care of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, are of the most important and complicated character, and their official action are to affect most vitally, either for good or evil the prosperity, and progressive development of the resources of this State.

Hence in the opinion of the Committee, it is proper and desirable that the official action of the said Trustees should be subject to the scrutiny of the representatives of the people, and that they be required by law to report their transactions, and such other matters as may be deemed proper in connexion therewith, biennially to the Governor, to be laid by him before the General Assembly at their regular session.

In accordance with these views, the undersigned is instructed to report the following bill, and recommend its adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. B. LAMAR, Chairman.

Which was read, adopted, and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Keitt offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to frame a code of laws for the government and punishment of slaves;

Which was read and adopted.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Monday, December 1, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

Sir:—Messrs. Gettis, Arnau and Roulhac have been appointed a Committee on the part of the House, to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, to examine into, and report upon the subject of county lines in the State, and also to report a bill to meet any difficulties if found to exist in relation thereto; and also to take into consideration the subject of having a map of the State prepared under the direction of some State officer.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Hopkins was laid on the table.

On motion the rule was waived and Mr. Dell allowed without previous notice to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow William S. Perry to enter the North-west quarter of Section Sixteen, Township Ten, Range Twenty-two of the Common School fund.

Which was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Brooks from the Committee on Claims and Accounts made the following

REPORT:

That they have examined the petition of Isaiah Cobb, ex-Sheriff of Santa Rosa county and believe it to be just and would respectfully recommend the passage of a bill for his relief;

Which was read and adopted, and the accompanying bill read first time and ordered for to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the names of certain persons therein named;

Was read the second time and on motion of Mr. Filor, laid on the table.

A resolution in favor of Robert Youngblood late Clerk of Alachua county;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 11 o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday's proceeding, was read and amended.

Mr. Fisher moved that the Secretary be allowed to correct the Journal of yesterday, so as to mention the introduction of a bill de-claring Yellow River navigable;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hopkins gave notice that he would on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled an Act, governing the County Commissioners of Duval County in certain cases.

On motion the rule was waived and Mr. Tracy allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a company to own and run a line of steam vessels, under the style of the Florida, Savannah, and Charleston Steam Packet Company:

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Tracy allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to regulate Pilotage, at the port of Fernandina, in the county of Nassau, and the port of Cedar Key, in the county of Levy.

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Fisher pursuant to previous notice, asked leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled an Act, to amend an Act, to incorporate the town of Milton in Santa Rosa County ;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Filor, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bills, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act to distribute the interest on the School Fund in each County.

A bill to be entitled an Act, for the support of William Davis, a Lunatic.

A bill to exempt from taxes, Vessels built and owned in this State.

A bill to be entitled an Act, to amend an Act, to authorize Judges of Probates in the several Counties of this State, to appoint Guardians for free negroes ;

Which was read and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Brooks, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bills, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act, to authorize Mary Moreno, a minor, to assume the management of her own estate.

A bill to be entitled an Act, authorizing the County Commissioners of Escambia County, to subscribe for stock in the Florida and Alabama Rail Road Company ;

Which was read and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Hawes, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled an Act, to punish malicious trespass, &c ;

Which was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Keitt, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled an Act, to repeal an Act, in relation to Road Tax in Putnam and Marion Counties ;

Which was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Filor allowed to introduce without previous notice, a bill to be entitled an Act, in favor of the American Telegraph Company ;

Which was read and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Duncan gave notice that he would on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of James N. Hendry, Sheriff of Hamilton County.

Mr. McElvy gave notice that he would on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill, to amend an Act, to organize the County of Liberty.

Mr. Filor moved, that 400 additional copies of the Message and accompanying Documents, be printed for the use of Senate.

Mr. Hopkins moved to strike out 400 ;

Which was carried.

Mr. Filor then moved that the blank be filled by 200 ;

Which motion was adopted.

The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was received:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 2, 1856. }

Hon. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate :

Sir—Accompanying this Communication, you will receive a copy of an Act of Congress, entitled “an Act, granting public Lands in alternate Sections, to the State of Florida and Alabama, to aid in the construction of Central Rail Roads in said States.”

Action by the General Assembly may be necessary to secure its benefits, and carry out its provisions. You will please communicate it to the House over which you preside.

Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Lamar, was laid on the table.

The joint select committee to whom was refered the rules previously reported, beg leave to report the following joint rules of the General Assembly:

JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rule 1. Messages from either House to the other shall be sent by such persons as a sense of propriety in each House may determine.

Rule 2. After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or by the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in one or the other House.

Rule 3. When a bill or resolution which shall have passed in one House is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the House in which the same may have been passed.

Rule 4. When a bill or resolution which has been passed in one House shall be rejected in the other, it shall not be brought in during the same session without notice of ten days and leave of two-thirds of that House in which it shall be moved.

Rule 5. Each House shall transmit to the other all papers in which any bill or resolution shall be founded.

Rule 6. No bill that shall have passed one House shall be sent for concurrence to the other on either of the last three days of the session.

Rule 7. After each House shall have adhered to their disagreement, a bill or resolution shall be lost.

Rule 8. When elections are required to be made by joint vote of the two Houses, the time of election shall be previously agreed upon.

Rule 9. In every joint committee the member first named on the House first proposing such committee shall convene the same.

Rule 10. During the election of officers there shall be no motions entertained, except to adjourn, to proceed to vote, to nominate and to withdraw a candidate, which motions shall have precedence in the order they stand.

Rule 11. The doings throughout shall proceed without debate.

Rule 12. Communications shall be made on paper and signed by the Secretary of each House and transmitted by the Messenger or Door-Keeper.

Rule 13. In every case of disagreement between the Senate and House of Representatives, either House may suggest conference, and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a Committee, to confer at a convenient hour to be designated by the Chairman; said Committees shall meet and confer freely on the subject of disagreement.

Rule 14. Whenever a public bill or resolution is ordered to be printed for the use of either House, a number shall be ordered sufficient for the use of both Houses, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, to inform the other House of such order, and to transmit to that House the requisite number of printed copies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. B. LAMAR,

Chairman of Committee on part of the Senate.

G. W. PARKHILL,

Chairman of Committee on part of the House.

Mr. Lamar from the Committee appointed to fix the rate of compensation to be paid for the printing of the Senate during its present session made the following report:

The Committee appointed to fix the rate of compensation to be paid for the printing of the Senate during its present session ask leave to

REPORT:

They have contracted with Benjamin F. Allen for the printing of the Senate on the following terms:

For furnishing five hundred copies of the Journal at \$2.00 per page, counting one copy, and three-fourths of a cent per one hundred words, counting eighty copies; and the same for all other miscellaneous printing, such as bills, reports, etc.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. B. LAMAR, Chairman,
E. D. TRACY,
WM. BRINSON.

Which was read, and the report of the Committee adopted.

Mr. Lamar, from the Committee on Internal Improvements made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled an Act granting to Trustees, for the benefit of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, lands granted to the State of Florida, by the Congress of the United States, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad from Pensacola to the State line of Alabama, in the direction of Montgomery, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT:

It appears from the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved May 17th, 1856, donating certain lands to the State of Florida, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of the various railroads recited therein, that legislative action is necessary on the part of this State, to enable the several railroads to take advantage of the grant. It appears, moreover, that the donation is accompanied with certain stipulations. On examination, the Committee find, that the provisions of the bill are so framed as to conform to the conditions of the grant. The undersigned is therefore instructed by the Committee to recommend its passage, with the following amendment:

Amend, by inserting after the words "President and Directors," wherever they may occur, the words, "and their successors in office."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMPSON B. LAMAR,
Ch'n Com. on Internal Improvements.

Which was read, and report concurred in, and the bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow Wm. S. Perry to enter the north-west quarter of section sixteen, township ten, range twenty-two, of the Common School Fund;

Was read a second time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill for the relief of Isaiah Cobb was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an Act to declare Yellow River navigable ;

Was read a second time and ordered for to-morrow.

A resolution in favor of Robert Youngblood, late Clerk of Alachua county ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Cone, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamaz, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—17.

Nays—None.

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 granting to Trustees, for the benefit of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company ;

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

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock A.M.

THURSDAY, December 4th, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Mr. Hopkins, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled an Act governing County Commissioners of Duval county ;

Which was read and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. McElvy moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday, on the motion to print 200 copies of the Governor's Message, and accompanying documents ;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Filor moved that 400 additional copies of the Governor's Message be printed, without the accompanying documents ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Eubanks gave notice that he would, on some future day, introduce a bill to enable Joseph M. Taylor, of Hernando county, to enter, and pay \$1.25 per acre for the west half of south-east quarter, and the east half of the south-west quarter of section sixteen, in range nineteen, township twenty-three, south and east, of the Common School Fund.

On motion the Rule was waived, and Mr. Filor allowed to introduce, without previous notice, a bill to be entitled an Act to prevent Slaves from hiring their own time, and for other purposes ;

Which was read the first time, the Rule waived, read a second time by its title, and on motion of Mr. Dell, seventy-five copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Alexander Purviance, Absalom S. Smith, Ira S. Rouse, and W. W. Burk ;

Was read a second time ;

Mr. Dell moved its indefinite postponement ;

Which was rejected, and

On motion, referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Duncan, Hawes and McBride.

A bill to be entitled an Act, to punish malicious trespass &c ;

Was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act, to repeal an Act, in relation to Road Tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act, authorizing the County Commissioners of Escambia County, to subscribe for stock in the Florida and Alabama Rail Road Company ;

Was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an Act, to authorize Mary Moreno, a minor, to assume the management of her own estate ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act, to amend an Act, to authorize Judges of Probates in the several Counties of this State, to appoint Guardians for free negroes ;

Was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act, for the support of William Davis, a Lunatic ;

Was read a second time, and referred to a select Committee, consisting of Messrs. McElvy, Filor, and McBride, with instruction to report a general bill.

A bill to be entitled an Act, to allow M. S. Perry to enter the N W 1-4 of Section 16, Township 10, Range 22, of the Common School Land ;

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