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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.

A bill to distribute the interest on the School Fund in each County;
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 exempt from taxation, Vessels owned and built in this State;

Was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts.

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

On motion, was read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, 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 in favor of the American Telegraph Company;

On motion of Mr. Filor, the Rule was waived, the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill for the relief of Isaiah Cobb came up on its third reading, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Cone, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitts, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 4, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House has passed the enclosed bill for the relief of Dr. George D. Fisher.

The House has ordered the printing of eighty copies of a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved January 6th, 1855; so that those counties and corporate towns that have subscribed for stock in any of the roads mentioned in said Act may be required to refund to their citizens, respectively, all moneys paid

by them as a Railroad Tax, and for other purposes.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

Engrossed bill to be entitled an Act, granting lands to Trustees for the benefit of the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company;

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

On motion, the rule was waived, when Mr. Tracy, from the Committee on Corporations, made the follow report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was refered an Act in relation to Pilotage, at the Port of Key West, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT.

That after careful investigation, they have been unable to discover any objections to the bill, and have instructed the undersigned to return the bill to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. TRACY,

Chairman.

Which was read and adopted, and the accompanying bill read and placed among the Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was refered the Petition of Andrew Jackson Deens of Santa Rosa County, asking a renewal of the Charter of a Ferry across the Escambia River,

REPORT.

That they have carefully considered the facts set forth in said petition, and recommend that the prayer of said petitioner be granted, Which is respectfully submitted.

E. D. TRACY,

Chairman.

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

On motion, the Rule was waived and Mr. Cone presented the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Leon and Gadsden;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. McElvy, Mr. Lamar was excused from attendance on the Senate until Saturday next.

The following Resolution having passed the Senate, has been transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

Resolution in favor of Robert Youngblood, late clerk of Alachua County.

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

FRIDAY, December 5, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum present.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and amended.

The following bills passed the Senate, and have been transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act, to declare Yellow River navigable.

A bill for the relief of Isaiah Cobb.

Mr. Eubanks, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled an Act, to enable Joseph M. Taylor, of Hernando County, to enter and pay for certain portions of the Common School Lands;

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

Mr. Duncan, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled an Act, for the relief of James N. Hendry;

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

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Hopkins allowed to introduce without previous notice, a bill to be entitled an Act for the better security of property;

Which was read a second time, and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Hopkins moved to refer so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Indian affairs to a select Committee;

Which motion was adopted, and Messrs. Hopkins, Keitt, and Eubanks, were appointed said Committee.

Mr. Fisher gave notice, that he would on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act, to amend an Act, concerning Lien of Builders, Mechanics, and the mode of enforcement.

On motion of Mr. Tracy,

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the names of certain persons therein named was taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McBride moved that the Committee on Finance be instructed to take into consideration the expediency of direct taxation upon landed property, and if they deem it advisable to report a bill to that effect;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hawes moved that the Messenger be excused from further attendance on the Senate until Monday 11 o'clock;

Which motion prevailed, and the Messenger excused.

Mr. McBride offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, By an Act of Congress the 16th section of each township of the Public Lands have been granted to the State of Florida for school purposes, and as the 16th section embraced in the Forbes' Purchase and the Arrodonda Grants were not subject to such appropriation. Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That our Senators be instructed and our Representative requested to use all proper efforts to procure an Act of Congress granting to the State of Florida lands to the amount of the 16 sections embraced in the above grants.

Be it further resolved, That the Governor be requested to cause to be forwarded to our Senators and Representative in Congress each a copy of these resolutions.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Tracy from the Committee on Corporations made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred the bill entitled "an Act to regulate Pilotage at the port of Fernandina in the county of Nassau, and the port of Cedar Keys in the county of Levy" beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have carefully examined the same, approve it, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted.

E. D. TRACY,
Chairman.

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

Mr. Hopkins from a select Committee made the following report:

The select Committee appointed under the motion of Mr. Hopkins of Duval to take into consideration the propriety of exempting slaves in certain cases from levy and sale, ask leave to

REPORT:

After careful examination of the matter, the following bill and recommend its passage.

EDWARD HOPKINS, Ch'n.
JOHN R. BROOKS,
W. J. KEITT,
WM. A. BRINSON.

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