

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.

Mr. Duncan from a select Committee, made the following

REPORT:

The select Committee to whom was referred a bill, entitled an Act, for the relief of Alexander Purviance, Absalom S. Smith, Ira S. Rouse, and W. W. Burk, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me, their chairman, to make the following report, viz:

That after due investigation, they are fully satisfied that there is no constitutional objection to the passage of the bill as was supposed, and that as its provisions are just and proper, they respectfully recommend its passage.

W. J. J. DUNCAN,
G. E. HAWES,
J. M. McBRIDE.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 5, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House has passed the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to separate the office of Tax Assessor and Collector, from that of Sheriff, in Alachua county;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Wm. H. Watson to establish a ferry across the Suwanee and Withlacochee rivers;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of N. O. J. Staley, Tax Assessor and Collector of Jackson county;

Senate bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of W. H. Hickman, of Putnam county; and

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to empower Arthur Macon, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate.

The House had adopted the Joint Rules-reported by the Joint Select Committee.

Very Respectfully,
HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the Orders of the Day.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the security of Slaves;

Was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Tracy, one hundred copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion, a bill to be entitled an Act to change the names of James Bell, Martha Ann Odham, and Emory Odham,

Came up on its third reading, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Brinson, Cone, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy and Welch—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

Engrossed 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 land;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Brinson, Cone, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy, and Welch—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

Came up on its third reading, and upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Brinson, Cone, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy and Welch—13.

Nay—Mr. Hopkins—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

Engrossed bill to distribute the interest on School Fund in each county;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Brinson, Cone, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy and Welch—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

Engrossed bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act in relation to a Road tax in the counties of Putnam and Marion ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy and Welch—13.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill for the relief of George D. Fisher,

Came up on its second reading, and

On motion, the rule was waived, and the bill was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Brinson, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy and Welch—12.

Nay—Mr. Cone—1.

Mr. Fisher, asked to be excused from voting ;

Which was granted,

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Brinson, Cone, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy, and Welch—14.

Nays—None.

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, governing the County Commissioners of Duval County;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Brinson, Cone, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride Tracy, and Welch—14.

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 to authorize Andrew Jackson Deens to establish a Ferry across the Escambia River;

Was read a second time, and on motion the rule was waived, read

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Cone, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy and Welch—13.

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 to regulate Pilotage at the port of Fernandina in the county of Nassau, and the port of Cedar Key in the county of Levy ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of N. O. J. Staley Tax Assessor and Collector of Jackson county ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize William H. Watson to establish a Ferry across the Suwannee and Willacoochee rivers ;

Was read the first time and on motion of Mr. Hopkins the rule waived, read the second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy and Welch—12.

Nays—None.

So 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 separate the office of Tax Assessor and Collector, from that of Sheriff, in Alachua county ;

Was read the first time, and

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy and Welch—12.

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 for the relief of Alexander Purviance, Absalom S. Smith, Ira S. Rouse, and W. W. Burk;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy and Welch—12.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

SATURDAY, December 6th, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to separate the office of Tax Assessor and Collector from that of Sheriff, in Alachua county ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Wm. H. Watson to establish a ferry across the Suwannee and Withlacoochee rivers ;

House bill for the relief of Dr. George D. Fisher ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the names of James Bell, Martha Ann Odham and Emory Odham ;

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 lands ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to distribute the interest on the School Fund ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act in relation to a road tax in the counties of Putnam and Marion ;

A bill to be entitled an Act granting lands to Trustees for the benefit of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company ;

A bill to be entitled an Act governing the County Commissioners of Duval county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Andrew Jackson Deens to establish a Ferry across the Escambia river.

Mr. Myrick, Senator from the Sixth District, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Hawes the Senator from Madison was excused from his attendance on the Senate until Wednesday next.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. McBride allowed to introduce without previous notice a bill to be entitled an Act to amend "an Act" to establish the ad valorem system of taxation ;

Which was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

Mr. Hopkins offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit to the Senate, if compatible with the public interest all information and correspondence relating to Indian affairs during the past year ;

Which was adopted, and a copy ordered to be sent to the Governor.

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 incorporate a Company to own and run a line of Steam Vessels under the style of the Florida and Savannah and Charleston Steam Packet Company, beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have examined said bill and herewith return it to the Senate with their approval, 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.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 6, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir—The House has passed the following bills, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act supplementary to an Act to provide for the relinquishment to the United States, in certain cases, of title to and jurisdiction over lands for sites of light-houses, and for other purposes, on the coast and waters of this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Richard Ellison to establish a ferry on the Suwannee river ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Julia E. Falana, and for other purposes ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Sarah A. Falana ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the election of a County site of Holmes county ;

A bill to amend the Road Law, applicable to the county of Duval ; and

A Resolution asking Congress to establish a mail route.