

Mr. Eppes moved the following amendment to Section 4 to be inserted in the 12th line:

"Provided further, nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent the owner of any slave or slaves on a plantation to permit his or her slave to use firearms."

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 and Savannah and Charleston Steam Packet Company;

Was read and on motion made the special order of the day for Tuesday next.

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

Was read, the rule waived and read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for Monday next.

Mr. Dell moved that the vote taken on the bill to be entitled an Act to prevent Slaves from hiring their own time, and for other purposes, be reconsidered;

Which motion prevailed, and

On motion, the bill was made the Special Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

Mr. Dell moved that the Senate reconsider the vote of to-day on the passage of the bill to be entitled an Act for the better protection of property, and that said bill be made the special order of the day for Wednesday next;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, the Senate adjourned until Monday next, 11 o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY, December 8, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings was read, amended and confirmed.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Pilotage at the port of Key West, in the county of Monroe;

A resolution asking Congress to grant lands to the State in lieu of the 16th sections in Forbes' Purchase and the Arrodonado Grant;

House resolution asking Congress to establish a Mail Route.

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 5, 1856. }

Hon. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I respectfully submit the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly:

Santa Rosa county—For Auctioneers: Jos. M. Bowers and Jas. P. Mints;

Franklin county—For Auctioneers: R. S. Myers and John Coupe; For Port Wardens: Francis Arnow, J. L. McFarlan, H. C. Swain, John Milligan, B. L. Turner, D. McDonald, Frederick Fuller;

Duval county—For Auctioneer: Geo. W. Cole; For Lumber Measurer: T. J. Branning; For Port Wardens: Henry E. Holmes, A. M. Reed, Charles Broward, Jr., F. C. Barrett, H. H. Hoegs.

Very Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

Also, the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 6, 1856. }

Hon. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate:

Sir: I respectfully present, for the advice and consent of the General Assembly, the name of Robt. H. Goodlett, as a Weighmaster in Franklin county.

Very Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read, and the nominations therein advised and confirmed.

Also, the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 6, 1856. }

Hon. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate:

Sir:—I present herewith a communication from Chas. H. Austin, Esq., State Treasurer, asking for an appropriation for incidental expenses of the Supreme Court, to which I respectfully invite the attention of the General Assembly.

Very Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, December, 2, 1856. }

His Excellency, JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor :

Sir:—The appropriation made by the last General Assembly for the contingent expenses of the Supreme Court, having been disbursed, I have to ask for an appropriation of three hundred dollars to provide for deficiencies until the passage of the General appropriation bill.

Very Respectfully,
C. H. AUSTIN,
State Treasurer.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Eubanks allowed to give notice that he would on some future day introduce a bill for the passage of an Act to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to permanently locate the County Site of Hernando county, approved December 29th, 1854, and to provide for the more central, permanent and satisfactory location of the County Site of Hernando county.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Fisher allowed to introduce a resolution relative to the establishment of a Land Office in the Town of Milton ;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Lamar from a Select Committee made the following report :

The undersigned, one of the Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of exempting slaves in certain cases from levy and sale, begs leave to express his dissent to the report of the majority of said Committee, as made to the Senate, through their Chairman. While the undersigned is fully sensible of and indignant at the injurious legislation of some of the northern States, against the rights and property of the southern section of this Union, he cannot approve of any such retaliatory measure as recommended by the majority of the Committee. Such legislation on the part of this State, would strike directly at the fundamental principles of justice, and would effectually destroy abroad the credit of the citizens of Florida. It is moreover the opinion of the undersigned that the bill reported by the majority of the Committee would fail to effect the objects sought to be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. LAMAR.

On motion of Mr. Lamar, the rule was waived, and a bill to be entitled an Act further to define the duties of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

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 authorizing the County Commissioners of Escambia county to subscribe for stock in the Alabama and Florida Railroad 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.

T. B. LAMAR,
Chairman Com. Internal Improvement.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Eppes, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report :

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to appoint prosecuting attorneys for the State in certain cases and to amend an Act approved 11th December, 1855, entitled an Act to change the mode of compensation to the several solicitors and prosecuting attorneys in this State beg leave to

REPORT :

That a majority of the Committee highly approve the object of said bill as demanded by the necessities of the case. The Committee find that the law at present is faulty in not providing for the appointment "ad interim" of a prosecuting attorney in the absence, from any cause, of the regular solicitor. The bill under consideration supplies the omission and gives the appointing power to the Court.

The second section of said bill also provides for additional compensation to the solicitors in cases of conviction, to be taxed against the defendant, and for which the State shall in no way be liable.— This section met with opposition in the Committee, but a majority approve and recommend its adoption. The present pay of solicitors was considered as too small, and the method proposed by said section of adding thereto a small tax amount against the person convicted of any crime, and for which the State should in no wise be liable, was deemed an act of simple justice to the State and to her solicitors ; to the State by offering an additional incentive to the prosecution of every wilful infraction of her laws ; and to her solicitors by increasing a compensation they thought too meagre. Entertaining these views

a majority of the Committee recommend the passage of said bill with the subjoined amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. J. EPPES,
Chairman.

Amendments to Section 1st: In the fifteenth line of Section 1st, strike out after the word "received" to the word "Provided," and insert the following: "Such compensation as may be taxed by the Judge, to be deducted from the salary of the regular solicitor, and the order of the Judge fixing the amount shall be sufficient voucher for the Comptroller to audit and issue his warrant therefor upon the Treasurer;" and in Section 1st strike out after the word "determine" the remaining lines in said Section.

Amendments to Section 2: In lines 29 and 32 of Sec. 2, fill the blank space with \$5 00.

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

Mr. Eppes, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act defining false swearing, and punishing the same, having considered the subject, instruct the undersigned to

REPORT:

That, in the opinion of the Committee, the crime of perjury is sufficiently defined by the Common Law, and its punishment provided by the Statutes of our State; and they see no wisdom in attempting a more specific definition. Your Committee are admonished, too, that such legislation might result in embarrassment, by creating doubts upon a subject already so clearly defined, and as they see no possible good that could result from said bill, recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. EPPES,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and concurred in, and the accompanying bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

Also, the following:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act punishing malicious trespass, etc., have duly considered the same and beg leave to

REPORT:

That they find the law provides ample remedy for parties aggrieved,

ed, in cases of trespass, etc., and therefore recommend that said bill do not pass.

T. J. EPPES,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

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

The Committee on internal Improvement, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act in favor of the American Telegraph Company, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage, with the following amendment:

Amend by striking out from section four the word "fifty" and insert "twenty."

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. LAMAR,
Chairman.

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

Mr. Lamar, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of James N. Hendry;

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;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the better security of property.

Respectfully submitted.

T. B. LAMAR,
Chairman on Engrossed Bills.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, 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 to appoint Prosecuting Attorneys in certain cases ;

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

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act defining false swearing and punishing the same ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act in favor of the American Telegraph Company ;

Was read and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to enable Joseph M. Taylor of Her-
nando county to enter and pay for certain portions of the Common
School Lands ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Eubanks, Fi-
lor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Myrick, McBride, Tracy and Welch—
13.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Keitt and Lamar—4.

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 James N. Hendry ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Duncan, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Lamar,
Myrick, McBride and Tracy—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Eppes, Eubanks, Fi-
lor and Welch—8.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road law applicable
to the county of Duval ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fish-
er, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McBride, Tracy, and
Welch—18.

Nays—Mr. President and Mr. Brooks—2.

So said bill passed—titled as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representa-
tives.

House bill to be entitled an Act, to authorize Richard Ellison to
establish a ferry on Suwannee River ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act supplementary to an Act, entitled
an Act, to provide for the relinquishment to the United States, in cer-
tain 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 ;

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

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

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

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

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Duncan,
Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, My-
rick, McBride, Tracy, and Welch—17.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representa-
tives.

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

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Eu-
banks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, Mc-
Bride, Tracy and Welch—16.

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 amend an Act to establish the ad-
valorem system of taxation ;

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Fi-
nance.

A bill to be entitled an Act to regulate Pilotage at the Port of Fer-
nandina in the county of Nassau, and the Port of Cedar Key in the
county of Levy ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitts, Lamar, Myrick, Tracy and Welch—16.

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 better security of property ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Myrick, McBride and Tracy—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar and Welch—8.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

TUESDAY, December 9, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

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

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act, to regulate Pilotage at the Port of Fernandina, in the county of Nassau, and at the Port of Cedar Keys in the County of Levy ;

House bill to change the name of Sarah A. Falana;

House bill, an Act to provide for the election of County site of Holmes County;

House bill, an Act for the relief N. O. J. Staley, Tax Assessor and Collector of Jackson County;

A bill for the relief of James N. Hendry;

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

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 Land.

A resolution relative to the establishment of a Land Office in the Town of Milton.

Mr. Duncan gave notice of intention to introduce the following bills, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act, to more clearly define the duties of Judges of Probate in certain cases.

A bill to be entitled an Act, to prevent trading with free persons of color.

Mr. Eppes, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bill, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act for the protection of the telegraphic wires and posts, in the limits of the State, and for other purposes;

Which was read the first time and placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to

REPORT,

as correctly enrolled, the following bills and resolution :

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Arthur Macon, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate ; also,

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Wm. H. Hickman, of Putnam county ;

Resolution in favor of Robert Youngblood.

ED. HOPKINS,
Chairman.

Which was received and read.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to

REPORT

the following bill as correctly engrossed :

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.

T. B. LAMAR,
Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Which was received and read.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :