

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone and Lamar—5.
So said preamble and resolution passed the Senate—title as stated.
Ordered, that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Eppes asked that the rules be waived and he be allowed to introduce a bill without previous notice ;

Which was granted,

And he introduced a bill to be entitled an Act, to allow the several Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to hold extra terms whenever in their opinion the public safety may require;

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

On motion of Mr. Keitt, the rule was waived and he allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Joshua Jesse Stafford, to Joshua Jesse Sanford.

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House resolution for the relief of J. W. Bryant came up on its second reading, and,

On motion of Mr. Hopkins a substitute was adopted, read, the rule waived and the same put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, 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.

On a motion to adjourn, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Tracy and Filor, and were as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Duncan, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Tracy and Welch—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Eppes, Eubanks, Keitt, Lamar, and McBride—7.

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

TUESDAY, December 16, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

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

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

House bill to be entitled an Act supplementary to an Act entitled 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;

House preamble and resolution asking Congress to make an appropriation for the survey of a route for a ship canal from the waters of Black Creek to the Suwanee River, near the mouth of Santa Fe river ;

House resolution for the relief of J. W. Bryant.

The following bills which have passed both Houses were ordered to be enrolled, viz :

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

A bill to be entitled an Act providing for the payment to the several counties of the interest arising from the School Fund, not heretofore drawn.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Eppes introduced a bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a Bank in the city of Apalachicola ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Hopkins introduced a bill to be entitled an Act to appoint weighers of cotton and hay in the city of Jacksonville ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Brooks the rule was waived, and he was allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act granting to the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company alternate sections of the swamp and overflowed lands ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Engrossed bills made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to raise a revenue for the State of Florida and for other purposes, approved July 26, 1845 ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an act to authorize Judges of Probate of the several counties of this State to appoint Guardians for negroes ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Joshua Jesse Stafford to Joshua Jesse Sanford.

Respectfully submitted.

T. B. LAMAR,

Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to

REPORT,

as correctly enrolled, the following bills, viz :

An Act to repeal an Act in relation to a road tax in the counties of Putnam and Marion ;

An Act to authorize Andrew Jackson Deens to establish a ferry across the Escambia river ;

An Act granting lands to trustees for the benefit of the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company ;

Also an Act to change the names of James Bell, Martha Ann Odham and Emory Odham.

ED. HOPKINS,
Chairman.

Which was received and read.

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 grant leave to Judges of Probate to sell real estate, have instructed the undersigned to

REPORT :

That they have carefully examined the subject matter of the bill, and believe its action would result favorably in the settlement and general management of the estates of deceased persons.

The object of the bill is to confer the power upon the Judges of Probate to sell real estate, upon application of executors or administrators, and, in the opinion of the Committee, the expenses incident to the same, would be less in the Probate than in the Circuit Courts, beside being more speedy, and thus enure to their benefit, and they would therefore recommend its adoption.

The bill referred, appearing to have been hastily and inartificially drawn, your Committee beg leave to report the enclosed bill as a substitute, embodying as it does the main features of the original, and more clearly defining the object of the author, and would recommend the passage of the substitute in lieu of the one referred.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. J. EPPES,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the Orders of the Day :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 15, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir--The House has passed the following bills and resolutions, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act to alter and amend the law in regard to auctioneers in this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize James W. Bryant to establish a ferry across the St. Johns river ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to protect the inhabitants of Duval county from intrusions by sailors on the Sabbath day ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to benefit commerce ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to legalize the will of John Perry, deceased ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of the county site of Manatee county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the register to [sell the sixteenth sections, in certain cases ;

A bill to be entitled an Act requiring the register of lands to have all the School Lands in Holmes and Calhoun counties appraised and offered for sale ;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize George Bell, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate ;

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 ;

Resolution to adjourn *sine die* on the 23d instant ;

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to regulate pilotage at the port of Fernandina, in the county of Nassau, and the port of Cedar Keys, county of Levy ;

Senate bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Escambia county to subscribe for stock in the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company ; and,

Senate resolution relative to the establishment of a land office in the town of Milton, Santa Rosa county.

The House has also passed Senate 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, with the following amendments, viz : strike out the words and figures " one twenty-five one-hundredths (\$1.25) per acre," and insert in lieu thereof, the words " at its appraised value ;" in which amendment the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

The House has concurred in Senate substitute for House resolution for the relief of J. W. Bryant.

The House has ordered the printing of eighty copies of a bill to

be entitled an Act to create and organize the counties of Lafayette and Taylor.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a Bank in the city of Apalachicola;

Came up on its first reading.

On motion, the rules were waived, and said bill was read a second time by its title, and 80 copies ordered printed for the use of the General Assembly.

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;

Having passed the Senate, and passed the House, with the following amendment, viz:

Strike out the words and figures "one 25-100 (\$1 25) dollars per acre." and insert in lieu thereof the words "its appraised value;"

Which amendment, on motion, was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

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

Bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the debts of the State;

Came up on its second reading.

On motion, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said bill—Mr. Tracy in the Chair.

After some time spent in consideration of the same,

On motion of Mr. Hawes, the Committee rose, and by their Chairman, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again;

Which motion prevailed, and the report of the Committee concurred in.

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow the several Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to hold extra terms, whenever, in their opinion, the public safety may require;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to change the present mode of selling State Lands;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Fisher, Duncan, Hopkins, Lamar and McElvy—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Eppes, Hawes, Keitt, McBride and Tracy—9.

So the bill was lost.

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

House resolution relative to a canal;

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

Yea—Mr. Hawes—1.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, McBride and Tracy—15.

So said Resolution was lost.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Perdido Rail Road Company;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Duncan, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Myrick, McElvy, 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 appoint weighers of Cotton and Hay in the city of Jacksonville, was read first time, rule waived, and read a second time by its title, 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.;

Came up on its third reading 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, McElvy, McBride and Tracy—16.

Nays—Messrs. Myrick and Welch—2

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, to amend an Act, entitled an Act, to raise a revenue for the State of Florida, and for other purposes, approved July 26th 1845;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Joshua Jesse Stafford to Joshua Jesse Sanford ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brooks, Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McBride, McElvy, and Tracy—13.

Nays—Mr. President, and Welch—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House resolution to adjourn sine die, on the 23d instant;

Came up on its first reading ;

On motion, a call of the Senate was ordered, when the following gentlemen answered to their names :

Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch. ; and,

On a motion to lay the said resolution on the table till the 24th inst., the vote was as follows :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Eppes, Filor, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McBride, McElvy and Welch—11.

Nays—Messrs. Cone, Duncan, Eubanks, Fisher, Hopkins, Myrick and Tracy—7.

So said resolution was laid on the table.

House 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 6, 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 monies paid by them as a Rail Road tax and for other purposes ;

Was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend and alter the law in regard to Auctioneers in this State ;

Was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act to protect the inhabitants of Duval county from intrusions by sailors on the Sabbath day ;

Was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize J. W. Bryant to establish a ferry across the St. Johns river ;

Was read the first time, 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, Bird, Cone, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, 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.

House bill to be entitled an Act to benefit commerce ;

Was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of the county site of Manatee county ;

Was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act to legalize the will of John Perry, deceased ;

Was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Register to sell the sixteenth sections, in certain cases ;

Was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act requiring the Register of Lands to have all the School Lands in Holmes and Calhoun counties, appraised and offered for sale ;

Was read the first time and ordered for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize George Bell to assume the management of his own estate ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act, further to define the duties of the Probate Courts of this State ;

Was read the third time.

On motion, the preamble was stricken out, and the bill put upon its passage as amended, upon the question of its passage, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Duncan, Eppes, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Myrick, McElvy and McBride—12.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Lamar and Welch—5.

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 the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, alternate sections of the Swamp and overflowed Lands ;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The following Message was receive from His Excellency :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 15, 1856. }

Hon. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate :

Sir—The resolution passed by the Senate on the 6th instant, re-

questing me "to transmit, if compatible with the public interest, all information and correspondence relating to Indian affairs during the past year," has been received. I herewith communicate copies of so much of the correspondence as is deemed necessary to show fully the action of the Federal and State Governments, and the character and extent of the services performed by each, so far as the Volunteer force was concerned. This correspondence embraces the orders issued from this Department, except so far as they were communicated with my annual message. The orders extended by Gen. Jesse Carter, the State's special agent at Tampa—those made by Col. M. Whit Smith the commander of a special Battalion, with the reports of all commanders of companies, so far as they have been received at head-quarters. These show fully the circumstances under which I recognized certain volunteer companies on the frontier as in the service of the State, and subsequently caused them to be regularly mustered. The muster rolls, as far as they have been perfected, are on file in the office of the Quarter-Master General, together with such abstracts and duplicates as have been received, and will be communicated, if desired, or subjected to the examination of such committee of either or both Houses as may be appointed for that purpose.

In addition to the papers herewith communicated, there is on file a large amount of miscellaneous correspondence, relating directly or indirectly to the recent Indian hostilities, but which it is believed would neither be interesting or profitable to the Senate, and it is presumed was not intended to be embraced in the call for information. This, however, will be promptly sent in if desired, or will be handed to such committee as may be appointed by either or both Houses of the General Assembly.

Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read.
Also the following :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 15, 1856. }

HON. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate :

Sir—I have approved and signed the following Senate bills :
"Bill for the relief of Isaiah Cobb ex-Sheriff of Santa Rosa county ;"
"An Act to declare Yellow River navigable."

Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read, and
On motion of Mr. Eppes, 200 copies of the Message and accompanying documents were ordered to be printed for the use of the General Assembly ;

Which motion prevailed.
Mr. Hopkins moved that he be excused from any further duty as Chairman of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs ;
Which was not agreed to.
On motion of Mr. Eppes, the vote taken to print the Governor's Message and documents was re-considered ; and the same were ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Indian Affairs.
On motion the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

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

The following bills which had passed the Senate were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Joshua Jesse Stafford to Joshua Jesse Sanford ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to authorize Judges of Probate in the several counties of this State to appoint guardians for free negroes ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize James W. Bryant to establish a ferry across the St. Johns river ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Perdido Rail Road Company ;

The Senate has rejected House bill to change the present mode of selling the State lands ; and also,

House Resolution relative to a Canal from St Lucia river to Lake Okechobee.

The Senate has passed the House bill to be entitled an Act further to define the duties of the Probate Courts of this State with the following amendment, viz : Strike out the Preamble to said bill.

The following bills which had passed both Houses and duly signed by the presiding officers, have been transmitted to his Excellency the Governor for approval, viz :

An Act to repeal an Act in relation to a road tax in the counties of Putnam and Marion ;

An Act to authorize Andrew Jackson Deens to establish a ferry across the Escambia river ;

An Act granting lands to trustees for the benefit of the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company ;

Also an Act to change the names of James Bell, Martha Ann Odham and Emory Odham.