

your Committee, and they would recommend that it do not pass.— In the opinion of your Committee, the adoption of Justices' Districts was based upon considerations of convenience, as well to suitors as to defendants; giving to the first a speedy method of collecting their claims; and to the second, the privilege of trial where they reside, and they do not approve a change in this particular. Besides this, your Committee think that the expenses incident to suits by Justices of the Peace in places remote from their established Districts, would be attended with too great expense and result in no benefit whatever. In addition, your Committee find that the main objects of the bill are secured by right of action in the several circuit courts of our State by decision of the Supreme Courts making concurrent the jurisdictions of Circuit and Justices' Courts.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. EPPES,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

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

THURSDAY, December 18th, 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.

A call of the House was ordered.

The following gentlemen answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Myrick, McElvy, McBride and Tracy.

Mr. Welch offered a resolution relative to 16th sections;

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 17, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

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

A bill to create and organize the counties of Lafayette and Taylor;

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the maintenance, care and custody of Lunatics or insane persons in this State;

A bill to be entitled an Act granting to the city of Pensacola, certain lands therein mentioned;

A bill to be entitled an Act to improve the navigation of the Suwannee river;

A bill to be entitled an Act to define the boundary line between Duval and Nassau counties;

A bill to be entitled an Act to supply the deficiency of the appropriation of the last fiscal year, for contingent expenses of the Supreme Court;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize N. A. Jameson to establish a ferry across the Santa Fee river;

A Resolution to provide for cleaning out the Ocklawaha river, for steamboat navigation;

Senate 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;

Senate 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; and,

Senate Resolution relative to the Graduation Act of August 4th, 1854;

The House has rejected Senate bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Alexander Purviance, Absalom S. Smith, Ira S. Rouse and W. W. Burke;

The House has concurred in Senate amendment to a bill to be entitled an Act further to define the duties of the Probate Courts of this State;

The House has ordered the printing of 80 copies of a bill to be entitled an Act to fix the price of the Internal Improvement and Swamp and Overflowed Lands, and to provide for the sale of said Lands to actual settlers in certain cases.

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't serv't,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the several Judges of Probate in this State to sell real estate ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to permanently locate the county site of Hernando county, approved 29th December, 1854, and to provide for the more central and satisfactory location of the county site of said county ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Register to sell the 16th sections, in certain cases ;

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

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

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A bill to be entitled an Act further to define the duties of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hopkins, Hawes, 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.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvement in this State, approved January 6th, 1855, so that those counties and corporate towns that have subscribed for stock in any of the Railroads 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 ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brooks, Fisher, Hopkins, Myrick, McBride, Tracy and Welch—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar and McElvy—10.

So said bill was lost.

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

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

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Eubanks, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy and Welch—10.

Nays—Messrs. Brooks, Eppes, Filor, Fisher, Lamar, Myrick and McElvy—7.

So said bill passed—title amended by striking out the words “and alter.”

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

On motion the rules were waived and Mr. Lamar from the Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to

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the following bill as correctly engrossed :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to organize the county of Liberty ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the town of Milton in Santa Rosa county.

Respectfully submitted.

T. B. LAMAR,
Chairman on Engrossed Bills.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

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REPORT,

the following bills as correctly Enrolled :

An Act in relation to pilotage at the port of Key West in the county of Monroe ;

Also a Resolution relative to the establishment of a land office in the town of Milton in Santa Rosa county.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. HOPKINS,
Chairman.

House bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of Commerce ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon the question of which the vote was ;

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

Nays—Messrs. Eppes, Lamar, Myrick and McElvy—4.

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 legalize the will of John Perry deceased ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McBride and Tracy—14.

Nays—Messrs. Myrick and McElvy—2.

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 authorize the Register to sell sixteenth sections in certain cases ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—14.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Fisher and Myrick—3.

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 relation to depositions ;

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

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

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, McBride and Tracy—15.

Nay—Mr. Welch—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the bill to be entitled an Act, to incorporate a Bank in the City of Apalachicola—Mr. Myrick in the Chair.

After some time spent in the consideration of the bill, the Committee arose, and by their chairman reported the same as amended ;

Which report was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The Committee from the House appeared, and requested the bill for the relief of Alexander Purviance, Ira Rouse, W. W. Burke and A. S. Smith be returned to the House of Representatives.

Messrs. Duncan, Eppes and Filor were appointed a Committee to return the bill.

Said Committee having returned from the House, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them and asked to be discharged.

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower Watson Ashhurst to act as deputy clerk ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to create the counties of Lafayette and Taylor ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize N. A. Jameson to establish a ferry across the Santa Fee river ;

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

House resolution to provide for clearing out the Ocklawaha river for steamboat navigation ;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to organize the county of Liberty ;

Was read the third time and 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, Myrick, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—18.

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 incorporate the town of Milton, in Santa Rosa county ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, 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 provide for the maintenance, care and custody of lunatics, or insane persons, in this State ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act granting to the city of Pensacola certain lands therein mentioned ;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Filor, was laid on the table.

House bill to be entitled an Act to improve the navigation of Suwannee river ;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements:

House bill to be entitled an Act to define the boundary line between Duval and Nassau counties ;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title, when Mr. Hopkins offered the following amendment, viz :

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to alter the original line of Duval county, and that the expense of running said line be borne by the county of Nassau ;

Which was adopted.

House bill to be entitled an Act to supply the deficiency of the appropriation of the last fiscal year, for contingent expenses of the Supreme Court ;

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

A 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 the consideration of the same, the Committee arose and by their Chairman reported the bill as amended ;

Which report was concurred in.

Mr. Filor offered a substitute for said bill ;

Which was read.

Mr. Keitt moved to lay the substitute on the table ;

Upon the question of laying the substitute on the table the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Myrick and Filor and were :

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

Nays—Messrs. Brinson, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Myrick, McBride and Tracy—7.

So the substitute was laid on the table.

Mr. McElvy moved the following amendment, viz :

Amend by striking out "five" in the third line, Section 1, and insert "four" in lieu thereof ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Myrick moved to indefinitely postpone the bill ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were ordered and was as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Duncan, Fisher, Hopkins, Myrick, McBride and Tracy—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy and Welch—12.

So the motion was lost.

On motion 75 copies of the bill were ordered to be printed for the use of the General Assembly.

The following bill and resolution having been duly enrolled and signed by the presiding officers of both Houses were transmitted to his Excellency the Governor for approval, viz :

An Act in relation to Pilotage at the Port of Key West in the county of Monroe ;

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

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

FRIDAY, December 19th, 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.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the town of Milton in Santa Rosa county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to organize the county of Liberty ;

A bill to be entitled an Act changing the names of certain persons ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to legalize the will of Jno. Perry, dec'd ;

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 to benefit Commerce ;

A bill to be entitled an Act further to define the duties of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The Senate has amended the title of the bill to amend and alter the law in regard to Auctioneers, by striking out the words "and alter," to which amendment the concurrence of the House of Representatives is respectfully requested.

The Senate has rejected a bill to be entitled 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 bill may be required to refund to their citizens respectively all monies paid by them as a Rail Road tax and for other purposes.