

TUESDAY, November 30th, 1858.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. Dubose officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Notice was given of intention to introduce at some future day, the following bills :

Mr. Broward gave notice, that he will at an early day, ask leave to introduce a bill to so change the laws regulating the assessments, and collecting of taxes, to have that office discharged by two persons, instead of one.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Eppes introduced the following bills, which were placed among the orders of the day :

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the several Judges of the Circuit Courts of the State to hold extra terms, whenever in their opinion the public interest may require the same, and for other purposes ; also

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act relative to depositions taken under commission, approved Jan. 11, 1855, and for other purposes :

Which upon motion, were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McCall gave notice that he would, at some future day, introduce a bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the city of Alligator.

Mr. Dawkens gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled An Act defining the jurisdiction of Circuit Courts, in certain cases.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Broward introduced a bill to be entitled An Act to divide Duval County :

Which on motion, was placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Nicholson introduced a bill to be entitled An Act amending the Charter of the City of Pensacola, for the purpose of extending the powers of the City, to aid in the construction of the Alabama and Florida Railroad, in Florida ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hawes introduced a resolution requesting the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, to establish a branch of the Register's office in the town of Palatka ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Eubanks introduced a resolution requesting the establishment of a light-house on St. Martin's Reef.

Mr. Lamar presented the petition of Harrison Fairbanks ;

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The committee on Taxation and Revenue made the following reports :

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION & REVENUE.

*Mr. President :*

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act, approved December 22, 1854, entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of Jurors and State witnesses, approved January 8th, 1848, have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee have instructed me their chairman, to report the bill back to the Senate, and respectfully recommend that the bill do not pass.

G. E. HAWES,  
Chairman.

#### MINORITY REPORT.

We, the undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, have had under consideration a bill to be entitled An Act to amend an Act approved December 22d, 1854, entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of Jurors and State witnesses, approved January 8th, 1848, beg leave to submit the following Minority Report, viz :

That as the Legislature has adopted the policy of paying Jurors and State witnesses for their services in attending the Courts, it is but reasonable that the payment awarded should remunerate them for the expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties ; and as, in the judgment of your Committee, the mileage now allowed by law is not sufficient to defray the necessary expenses of traveling, and the amount proposed by the bill under consideration is not more than sufficient for that purpose, we respectfully recommend the passage of the same.

G. E. HAWES,  
W. J. KEITT.

Which reports were read, and the accompanying 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 to authorize Daniel B. Coker to build a toll bridge across the Santa Fee river ;

A bill to be entitled An Act to define false swearing, and punishing the same ;

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend section 1, clause 2, of the attachment laws of this State, approved February 15, 1834 ; and

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Wm. McRae to trade free from taxation in this State.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
Nov. 29th, 1858.

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

*Sir* : The House of Representatives have passed the following bills, and ordered that they be certified to the Senate, to wit :

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Putnam County; and

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an Act establishing election precincts in Putnam County.

Very Respectfully,  
R. B. HILTON,  
Clerk House Representatives.

On motion, the accompanying bills were placed among the orders of the day.

Also, the following message which was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
Nov. 29th, 1858.

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

*Sir* : The House of Representatives have appointed their Judiciary Committee, a Special Joint Committee, to act with the Committee of the Senate in reference to the publication of the Statutes of Great Britain, of force in this State.

Very Respectfully,  
R. B. HILTON,  
Clerk House Representatives.

Also, the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
Nov. 29th, 1858.

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

*Sir* : The House of Representatives have appointed Messrs. Williams, Barrett and Pope, a Joint Select Committee to act with the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate "to inquire into and report as to the proper control and present use of all the rooms of the Capitol, except the Chambers of the Senate and House of Representatives."

Very Respectfully,  
R. B. HILTON,  
Clerk House Representatives.

On motion, the letter of Dr. A. S. Balwin, concerning the Senatorial election in the Sixth District, was read, and the accompanying documents referred to the committee on elections.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning evidence ;  
Which, on motion, was placed among the orders of the day for tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Albert Hyer, a minor, to contract and be contracted with.

On motion, Mr. Nicholson was allowed to substitute for said bill, a bill of the same title with amendments ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Broward, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—13.

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 amend section 1, clause 2, of the attachment laws of this State, approved Feb. 15, 1834 ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Broward, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker 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 authorize Daniel B. Coker to build a toll bridge across the Santa Fee River ;

Came up on its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Lamar, the rules were waived and the bill was amended by striking out the word boat in the second section.

It was then put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Broward, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eubanks, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—16.

Nay—Mr. Eppes—1.

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 approved December 22d, 1854, entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of Jurors and State witnesses, approved January 8th, 1848;

Was read a second time and placed among the orders for to-morrow.

A resolution calling the attention of the General Government to the feasibility of laying a Telegraph wire between and from Bermuda and Fayal Islands in the Atlantic Ocean, to the respective coasts of Europe and America, with a view of connecting the Southern States directly with Europe;

Came up on its third reading, and on motion, was placed back up on its second reading and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act relative to depositions taken under commission, approved January 11th, 1855, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time, and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

A bill to be entitled An Act to divide Duval county, and organize a new county to be called Clay County;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second time by its title and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed.

Resolution requesting the erection of a light-house at St. Martin's Reef;

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

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Putnam county;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read a second time and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The following bills and resolutions were read the first time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow:

House bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an Act establishing election precincts in Putnam County;

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the several Judges of the Circuit Courts of the State, to hold extra terms, whenever in their opinion the public interest may require the same, and for other purposes; and

A bill to be entitled An Act amending the charter of the City of Pensacola, for the purpose of extending the powers of the City to aid in the construction of the Alabama and Florida Railroad, in Florida.

Resolution requesting the establishment of a branch Register's office at Palatka.

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

WEDNESDAY, December 1st, 1858.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. Dubose officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Dell, all papers heretofore laid before the Senate concerning the contested Senatorial election in the Sixteenth District, were referred to the Committee on Elections, and the said committee authorized to receive testimony and evidence concerning the same.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day:

By Mr. Hawes:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to prevent slaves from hiring their own time, approved December 27, 1856.

By Mr. McElvy:

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an Act to secure the better execution of the Patrol Laws, approved December 27, 1856.

By Mr. Keitt:

A bill to be entitled An Act granting a Charter for a plank-road from Ocala to Silver Spring.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, the reading of the petition of James C. McArthur, Sheriff of Santa Rosa county, was dispensed with, and the same referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Pursuant to previous notice, the following bills were introduced, and placed among the orders of the day:

By Mr. Hawes:

A bill to be entitled An Act to improve the navigation of the Ocklawaha River.

By Mr. Broward:

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief and protection of persons engaged in the log and lumber business; and

A bill to be entitled An Act to make the office of Tax-Assessor and Collector in separate and distinct persons.

By Mr. Call:

A bill to be entitled An Act to define the liabilities of endorsers of Promissory Notes and other instruments, and to place them on the same footing as securities.

The following message was received from the Governor and read: