

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:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 1st, 1858. }

Hon JOHN FINLAYSON,
President of the Senate :

SIR : I herewith transmit to you a letter of the Secretary of State of New Hampshire, enclosing Resolutions adopted by that State, which you will please communicate to the House over which you preside.

I have not acknowledged the receipt of those Resolutions, because of their offensive and incendiary character, but do not feel authorized to withhold them from the General Assembly.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

The accompanying resolutions were read, and a motion to lay them upon the table was unanimously carried.

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a Resolution calling the attention of the General Government to the practicability 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 beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,
T. B. LAMAR,
Chairman Committee on Internal Improvements.

Which was received and the accompanying resolution placed among the orders of the day.

The committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred an Act for the relief of Putnam county, beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have duly considered the subject, and instruct the undersigned to recommend that the second section of said bill be so amended as to strike out "six," and read "eight per-cent," instead of "six," as named in said section ; thus conforming the interest to rate as agreed upon in the contract of loan to said County from the School Fund ; and with this amendment they would recommend the passage of said bill.

JOHN BROWARD, Chairman.

Which was received, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Nov. 30th, 1858. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,
President of the Senate :

Sir : The House of Representatives have passed Senate bill entitled An Act to change the name of Abraham Dupont Zylstra. Very Respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,
Clerk House Representatives.

The accompanying bill was ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 1, 1858. }

Hon JOHN FINLAYSON,
President of the Senate :

SIR :—The House of Representatives have passed a bill entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to amend the road law applicable to the county of Duval, approved Dec. 15, 1856.

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

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

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 authorize Wm. McRae, to trade free from taxation in this State, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me, their Chairman, to make the following report, viz :

That the bill be so amended as to read in last clause, instead of the words "free from taxation in this State," "free from the license now required by law," and they recommend the passage of the same.
G. E. HAWES.

Which was received, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on engrossed bills, beg leave to

REPORT

The following bills and resolution as correctly engrossed :

An Act to be entitled an Act to amend an Act regulating pilotage at the port of Fernandina in the county of Nassau, and port of Cedar Key, county of Levy ;

Resolution in relation to a Light House at St. Martin's Reef ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Albert Hyer to contract and be contracted with ; and

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.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMPSON B. LAMAR,
Chm'n Com. on Engrossed Bills.

Which was received, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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 ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Broward, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—19.

Nays—none.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

Resolution requesting the establishment of a Light House on St. Martins Reef ;

Came up on its third reading and was put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

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

Nays—none.

So the Resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Putnam County ;
Came up on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hawes, the amendments recommended by the Committee on Schools and Colleges were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hawes, the rules were waived, and the bill put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Broward, Call, Duncan, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—15.

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 to repeal an Act establishing election precincts for Putnam County ;

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

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

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

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

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

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief and protection of persons engaged in the Log and Lumber business in this State ;

Resolution relative to the improvement of Suwanee River ;

House bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to amend the Road Law applicable to the County of Duval, approved December 15th, 1856 ;

A bill to be entitled An Act to define the liability of endorsers of promissory notes and other instruments, and to place them on the same footing as securities ;

A bill to be entitled An Act to divide Duval County ;

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

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Nicholson allowed to present a memorial from the citizens of Pensacola ;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Wm. McRae to trade free from Taxation ;

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

The following bills were read a second time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee :

A bill to be entitled An Act concerning Evidence ;

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 ;

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.

On motion of Mr. Baker, it was

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms, Door-Keeper or Messenger of the Senate, be required to attend upon the several Committees of the Senate when called upon so to do ; and that the several Standing Committees of the Senate have power to send for persons or papers in all matters severally referred to either of them.

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 ;

Was read a second time, amended, and referred to Committee on Corporations.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Eppes moved that Dr. Hawes, the Senator from Putnam, be excused from attendance on the Senate to-morrow ;

Which was agreed to.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act, approved Dec. 22, 1854, entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of Jurors and State Witnesses, approved Jan. 8, 1848 ;

Came up on its second reading.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment :

Be it further enacted, That every Juror or State witness who shall fail to attend any Court to which he is summoned shall be fined by the Judge presiding over said Court in a sum not less than fifty dollars, unless he shall make it satisfactorily to appear to the said Judge, that he was prevented from attending said Court by actual physical inability, or was at the time in actual attendance on some sick person, and that such attendance was necessary in common humanity, and could not have been dispensed with ;

Be it further enacted, That the pay of State Witnesses shall in all cases be the same as Jurors.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McElvy moved to amend Sections first and second by striking out "fifteen cents" wherever it occurs and insert "ten cents."

Which was adopted.

After being amended, upon motion of Mr. Eppes, it was ordered

that said bill be laid upon the table for the present, and that 80 copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Keitt moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow 11 o'clock ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Baker ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Broward, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Fisher, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McCall, McElvy and Nicholson—11 :

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Lamar, McQueen, Walker and Welch—9

So the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, December 2d, 1858.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Call moved that W. J. J. Duncan, Senator from the Twelfth District, have leave of absence for one week ;

Which was granted.

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

By Mr. Call :

A bill to be entitled An Act prescribing the manner of making returns of Elections for Electors for President and Vice-President of the United States ;

A bill to be entitled An Act concerning Foreign Bank Agencies in this State ; and

A bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the circulation of small bills in this State.

By Mr. Fisher :

A bill to be entitled An Act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the Western Circuit of this State.

By Mr. Lamar :

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Jesse J. Finley.

By Mr. Nicholson :

RESOLUTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CONTESTED SEAT OF DUVAL COUNTY.

WHEREAS, On Tuesday last the letter of Dr. A. S. Baldwin, concern-