

turns of elections for electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,
ISAAC WELCH,
 Acting Chm'n Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Ordered that the accompanying bills be transmitted to the Governor.

Joint Resolution for the relief of John H. Keadle, of Gadsden county;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act providing a charter for the city of Pensacola;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

An Act to amend an Act to organize the county of Liberty;

Was passed over informally.

The following bills and resolution were read a third time, and put upon their passage:

House bill to be entitled an Act to prevent citizens of other States from fishing in Lakes Iamonia and Miccosukie;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Broward, Call, Dawkins, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—15.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan and Jones—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House resolution for the relief of Washington Rogers;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Broward, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—17.

Nay—Mr. Dell—1.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

An Act to authorize Richard M. White to contract and be contracted with;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Broward, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Fisher, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—16.

Nay—Mr. Eubanks—1.

So, the bill passed—title as stated.

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

Resolution to provide for the payment of certificates issued for interest due on scrip issued under "an Act to provide for the payment of Capt. Sparkman's, Parker's and other volunteer companies, for service in the year 1849, approved January 7th, 1853;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Broward, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—16.

Nay—Mr. Lamar—1.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to define and fix the duties of Sheriffs and Tax Collectors in this State, in the sale of lands, and establish more certainly the validity of Tax Deeds;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Broward, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—18.

Nays—none.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

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 WEDNESDAY, December 15th, 1853.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. Dubose officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to prevent citizens of other States from fishing in Lakes Iamonia and Miccosukie;

House resolution for the relief of Washington Rogers;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Richard M. White to contract and be contracted with;

Resolution to provide for the payment of certificates issued for interest due on scrip issued under "an Act to provide for the payment of Capt. Sparkman's, Parker's and other volunteer companies, for service in the year 1849, approved January 7th, 1853;" and

A bill to be entitled an act to define and fix the duties of Sheriffs and Tax Collectors in this State, in the sale of lands, and establishing more certainly the validity of Tax Deeds.

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

By Mr. Fisher :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to establish common schools, and to repeal certain Acts in relation thereto, approved 1st January, 1853.

By Mr. Duncan :

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Wm. Bassett, of Hamilton county.

By Mr. McQueen :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the attachment laws in this State.

By Mr. Fisher :

A bill to be entitled an Act granting to the Alabama & Florida Railroad Company alternate sections of the swamp and overflowed Lands.

Mr. Dell pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bill which was placed among the orders of the day, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a company to be called the Alachua & Columbia Railroad Company.

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Fisher allowed to introduce without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled an Act to legalize the Will of Christian Spillman, of Santa Rosa county ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Baker, a Committee of three was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Baker, Hawes and McQueen, to request that the House allow to the Senate the temporary control of the original petition of the citizens of Baldwin, as to the county lines between the counties of Nassau and Duval.

Mr. Lamar introduced a resolution relative to the drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands on the Ocklawaha river ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Engrossed bills made the following report :

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act, re-

lative to depositions taken under commissions, approved January 11, 1855, and for other purposes ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to prevent slaves from hiring their own time, and for other purposes, approved Dec. 27, 1856 ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to fix definitely constable sale days in this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to regulate the order of calling the dockets and trial of causes in the Circuit Courts of this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act amendatory of the existing Acts as to garnishment in this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, approved January 11, 1851.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. NICHOLSON,

acting Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Dec. 14th, 1858. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

Sir : The House of Representatives have passed the following bills and resolutions :

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to define false swearing and punishing the same, with the following amendment viz :

At the end of the first section add : "Or in the giving, signing or executing any false certificates or other official statement by any Railroad President or Director, or Bank President or Director, or by any officer who is required by law to take an oath of office ;"

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to change the times for holding the Circuit Courts for the Western Judicial Circuit ;

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to make the Sheriffs of the counties of Lafayette and Taylor *ex-officio* Tax Assessors and Collectors in their respective counties ;

Senate Joint Resolution relative to the construction of the canal between Indian River and St. John's ;

Senate resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to procure the appointment of an Inspector of Customs at the town of Milton, in West Florida ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to separate the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector of Calhoun County ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to allow owners or commanders of boats to peddle on the Choctaw-hatchie River, approved January 8, 1853 ;

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Tido S. Lotunan, of Santa Rosa County ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to remove in part, obstructions to commerce at the port of Key West ;

House Resolution asking Congress to make an appropriation to keep in repair the old Spanish Fort at St. Augustine, known as Fort Marion.

Very Respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read, and the Senate bills ordered to be enrolled, and the House bills placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The subject of the contested election of Senator from the 16th Senatorial District, having been made the special order of the day for to-day was taken up ;

When on motion, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the same—Mr Hawes in the Chair.

The Committee rose and through their Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to organize the county of Liberty.

The House amendments to this bill were read.

Mr. Call moved that the Attorney General's opinion be requested on the constitutionality of the bill and its amendments ;

Which motion was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of the House amendments, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Broward, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—17.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Dell and Jones—3.

So the amendment was adopted.

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

Mr. Eppes moved that the matter of the contested Senatorial election for the 16th District be made the special order for this evening ;

Which was adopted.

On motion the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

Contested election from the 16th Senatorial District was taken up, when the Senate went into Committee of the Whole—Dr. Hawes in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and by their Chairman, reported the following resolutions, and asked to be discharged.

WHEREAS, In the matter of the contested election from the 16th Senatorial District of this State, the Senate are unable to decide between Col. John Broward and Dr. A. S. Baldwin, claiming as Senators elect from the said District, inasmuch as it is a matter of doubt whether or not Baldwin precinct is within the limits of said District ; Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That in Duval County, comprising the 16th Senatorial District, there has been no valid election for Senator.

2. *Resolved*, That a new election for Senator is hereby ordered to be held in the said District.

3. *Resolved*, That the Inspectors of said election be, and they are hereby required to reject all votes as illegal, deposited by persons residing out side of Duval county, as defined in "an Act to define the boundary line between Duval and Nassau counties," approved January 2, 1857.

Upon the question of the adoption of the resolutions reported by the Committee of the Whole, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baker and Call ;

Which were as follows :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Dawkins, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—15.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Call and Dell—3.

So the resolutions were adopted.

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

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THURSDAY, December 16th, 1858.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.