

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Mayor and Aldermen of the town of Milton to elect a public weigher of Cotton.
Very Respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,
Clerk House Representatives.

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

On motion of Mr. Lamar,

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Louisa A. Summerlin, a minor, of Leon county, to assume the management of her own estate, and contract and be contracted with ;

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second and third time by its title, and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—15.

Nay—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 entitled an Act to provide for the recording the marks and brands of cattle shipped from the Counties of Manatee and Hillsborough ;

Was read a second time, rules waived, read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—14.

Nay—Mr. Nicholson—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act for the charter of a bridge across the Suwanee river at the place now known as the Lower Suwanee Springs ;

Was read the second time, rules waived, read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, 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.

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Circuit Courts of this State to change the names of persons residing therein ;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Eppes, Lamar, McQueen and Nicholson—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Dell, Duncan, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McElvy, Walker and Welch—10.

So the bill was lost.

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

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WEDNESDAY, December 29, 1858.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. Dubose officiated as Chaplain.

The Journals of yesterday were read, amended and approved.

On motion of Mr. Hawes,

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act approved January 1, 1857, entitled an Act to locate the Seminary of Learning West of the Suwanee ;

Was placed back upon its second reading.

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

By Mr. Call :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the 7th Section of the 13th Article of the Constitution of the State of Florida ; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the 8th Section of the 13th Article of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

By Mr. McElvy :

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the return of Executors, Administrators and Guardians in this State.

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

By Mr. Welch :

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Silas Jernigan to estab-

lish a Ferry across Black Water river, at the town of Milton, in Santa Rosa county.

By Mr. Call:

A bill to be entitled an Act governing the county commissioners of Nassau county, in certain cases.

Mr. Welch presented a petition from a number of the citizens of Walton and Santa Rosa counties, asking for the organization of a new county, &c.;

Which was read, and referred to a Select committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Welch, Eppes and Hawes.

Mr. Eppes made the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an Act to organize a fifth Judicial Circuit, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have considered the said bill and find the establishment of a fifth Judicial Circuit absolutely necessary. Previous to the present Session of the General Assembly, there were eleven counties in the Eastern Circuit, devolving an amount of labor on the Judge of that Circuit which it was almost impossible for any Judge to perform, and three new counties have been added to this Circuit at this Session increasing the labor and difficulty to such an extent that a division is now imperative.

The distribution of the counties into the two Circuits not being satisfactory to a majority of those interested, the Committee recommend the accompanying substitute, which though perhaps not the best distribution, is the one which seems to give the most general satisfaction.

T. J. EPPES,
Chm'n Judiciary Committee.

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

Mr. Lamar made the following report:

Mr. President:

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

A bill to be entitled an Act permanently to locate the County site of Lafayette County;

Resolution relative to the drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands on the Oclawaha river;

Resolution relative to the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

A bill to be entitled an Act providing for the Incorporation of the Mexican Gulf Steamship and Inland Trading and Navigation Companies in Florida;

An Act to encourage the introduction of Brahmin cattle into the State of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act, approved January 1, 1857, entitled an Act to locate the Seminary of Learning, to be established West of the Suwanee.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. LAMAR,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 28, 1858. }

Hon JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills and resolutions, to-wit:

A bill to be entitled an Act more definitely to establish the limits and boundaries of Monroe and Manatee counties;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend the several Acts concerning licences to retail spiritous liquors, approved January 8, 1853;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the employment of a Clerk in the office of Comptroller in this State, approved January 8, 1853;

Resolution relative to the drainage of Main Savanna in Brevard county; and

Resolution allowing no contestant to receive any pay except the one entitled to his seat.

Very Respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,

Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the days.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Dec. 28th, 1858. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The House of Representative have rejected Senate bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Lake City, Florida;

And have passed the following:

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of those counties

and towns which have subscribed or may hereafter subscribe for stock in any Railroad, or other work of Internal Improvement in this State.

Very Respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read, and the House bills placed among the orders of the day.

The rules were waived, and Mr. McCall allowed to present a petition from a number of the citizens of Columbia county, requesting the organization of a new county;

Which was read, and referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to be entitled an Act relative to the offices of Sheriff and Circuit Court Clerk, in the County of Holmes;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—14.

Nay—Mr. Dell—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to empower John W. O'Neal, of Madison county, to assume the management of his own estate;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McCall, 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.

House bill to be entitled an Act to provide for issuing *scire facias* on forfeited recognizances;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Eppes, Hawes, Jones and Lamar—5.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Dell, Duncan, Eubanks, McCall, McQueen and Nicholson—7.

So the bill was lost.

House resolution asking for a mail route, &c.;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McCall, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—15.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the erection and building of a light-house at the mouth of the Manatee river, in South Florida;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—14.

Nays—none.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to amend an Act organizing the office of Treasurer of the State of Florida;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to increase the salary of the Governor's Private Secretary and define his duties;

Was passed over informally.

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 Jan. 18, 1855;

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

An Act entitled an Act to amend the several Acts in force in this State in relation to proceedings in criminal cases;

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

An Act in relation to dower;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act in relation to collecting in Justice Courts in the State of Florida;

Was read a second time, and indefinitely postponed.

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Dr. S. B. Todd;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the School Fund in the County of St. Johns;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the additional compensation of the several Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts of this State;

Was read, the House amendments adopted, and the bill ordered to be enrolled as amended.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize A. J. T. Wright to establish a ferry at Clay Landing on the Suwanee river;

Was read a second time, and indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an Act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau County, in certain cases;

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

Resolution in relation to faith bonds;

Was laid on the table until to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to organize the Fifth Judicial Circuit;

Was read a second time and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Call, Baker, and McCall.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act, approved January 1, 1857, entitled an Act to locate the Seminary of learning to be established West of the Suwanee;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act permanently to locate the County site of Lafayette County;

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

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

Nays—none.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

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 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, beg leave to

REPORT:

That a majority of the Committee highly approve the object of said bill as demanded by the necessities of the case. The Committee find that the law at present is faulty in not providing for the appointment "ad interim" of a prosecuting attorney in the absence from any cause, of the regular solicitor. The bill under consideration supplies the omission and gives the appointing power to the Court.

The second section of said bill also provides for additional compensation to the solicitors in cases of conviction, to be taxed against the defendant, and for which the State shall in no way be liable.— This section met with opposition in the Committee, but a majority approve and recommend its adoption. The present pay of solicitors was considered as too small, and the method proposed by said section of adding thereto a small tax amount against the person convicted of any crime, and for which the State should in nowise be liable, was deemed an act of simple justice to the State and to her solicitors; to the State by offering an additional incentive to the prosecution of every wilful infraction of her laws; and to her solicitors by increasing a compensation they thought too meagre. Entertaining these views a majority of the Committee recommend the passage of said bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. J. EPPES,

Chm'n Judiciary Committee.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act appointing 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;

Came up on its second reading;

Mr. McElvy offered the following amendment: Strike out all of Second Section;

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill ordered to engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Resolution relative to the drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands on the Oclawaka river;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Duncan, Eubanks, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen and Walker—12.

Nay—Mr. Eppes—1.

So the Resolution passed—title as stated.

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

Resolution relative to the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, 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 encourage the introduction of Brahmin cattle into the State of Florida ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker 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 providing for the incorporation of the Mexican Gulf Steamship, and Inland Trading and Navigation Companies in Florida ;

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

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

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House Resolution allowing no contestant to receive any pay, except the one entitled to his seat ;

Was indefinitely postponed.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Silas Jernigan to establish a Ferry across Black Water river, at the town of Milton, in Santa Rosa county ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act for preventing and avoiding fraudulent conveyances, approved Jan. 28, 1823 ;

House bill to be entitled an Act in relation to an Act to provide for the payment of the debts of the State ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend the several Acts concerning Licenses to retail spirituous liquors, approved January 7, 1853 ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the employment of a Clerk in the office of Comptroller of this State, approved Jan. 8, 1853 ; and

House bill to be entitled an Act more definitely to establish the limits and boundaries of Monroe and Manatee counties.

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of those counties and towns which have subscribed or may hereafter subscribe for stock in any Railroad or other work of Internal Improve in this State ;

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

Resolution asking Congress to make Florida a Supervising Inspectors District, and for other purposes ;

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

House resolution relative to draining Main Savauna in Brevard county ;

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

Resolution as to the salaries and perquisites of the several officers of the State ;

Was read, and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Duncan, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—13.

Nays—none.

So the Resolution passed—titled as stated.

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

THURSDAY, December 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.