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JOURNAL

Of the Senate of the General Assembly of Florida, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, on Monday, the 28th day of November, 1859, being an adjourned session of the Ninth General Assembly, held by virtue of a Joint Resolution of the two Houses.

MONDAY, November 28th, 1859.

The Senate met in pursuance of said Joint Resolution of adjournment.

The roll being called the following named members appeared and took their seats, viz :

Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Dawkins, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Jones, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen and Walker.

The President having taken the chair addressed the Senate in the words following :

FELLOW-SENATORS :—Allow me most heartily to congratulate you on your general good health and safe return to the Capital again—an acknowledgment due a most Merciful Providence. Also to inform you that by a joint resolution of the first session of this General Assembly, the same was adjourned on the 15th January last, to meet again on to-day. Senators, I shall hope to see the business of this adjourned session conducted in a proper spirit of conciliation and harmony, and that a due sense of order and decorum pervade all our deliberations. Such, rest assured, will be exceedingly pleasant to your presiding officer at least, saving him, as it will, the unpleasant duty of enforcing order if it becomes necessary, which I sincerely hope will in no instance be required.

With these few brief remarks, I will now inform the Senate that motions are in order.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, the Door-keeper was instructed to furnish stationery for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Baker moved that a committee of three be appointed to meet a similar committee on the part of the House, and that said committee wait upon the Governor and inform him that the Senate and House of Representatives of the 9th Session of the Legislature of the State of Florida have re-assembled according to adjournment, and are ready to proceed to business ;

Which motion was adopted, and Messrs. Baker, Lamar and Fisher, were appointed such committee.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the rules of the Senate at its last Session were adopted and continued.

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

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TUESDAY, November 29th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Baker, the reading of yesterday's Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the Door-keeper and Messenger were instructed to obtain copies of the Journal and Acts of the last Session, and to furnish each Senator with 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 incorporate the Palatka and Orange Railroad Company.

By Mr. McQueen:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Noah P. Suggs, of Lafayette county; and also,

A bill to be entitled an Act authorizing Geo. W. Martin to establish a Ferry across the Suwannee River at Fayetteville.

By Mr. Baldwin:

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Jacksonville and St. Augustine Railroad Company.

By Mr. Eppes:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act concerning dower.

Mr. Lamar moved that the Senate proceed to the election of an Assistant Secretary.

Mr. McElvy nominated Jacob Gibson, of Gadsden.

Mr. Lamar nominated Mr. A. L. Woodward, of Leon.

Mr. Welch nominated Mr. Robert Bruce, of Leon.

The vote was as follows:

For Gibson—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Jones, McElvy and McQueen—9.

For Woodward—Mr. Lamar—1.

For Bruce—Messrs. Dawkins, Walker and Welch—3.

Blank—Mr. Baker—1.

Mr. Gibson was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary.

The Assistant Secretary was duly sworn in by T. J. Eppes, Esq., Notary Public.

A committee from the House consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Church and Erwin, appeared and informed the Senate that the House was organized and ready to proceed to business.

A committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him of the organization of the Senate, reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

Mr. Lamar moved that the rules be waived, to allow him to introduce a bill without previous notice;

Which motion was lost.

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

By Mr. Lamar:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to permit free persons of African descent to select their own masters and become slave, approved January 15, 1859.

By Mr. McElvy:

A bill to define the times of Probate Courts in this State;

A bill to amend the tax laws of this State; and

A bill to amend the law allowing appeals from the Board of County Commissioners in this State.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Nov. 28, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House of Representatives have passed the following bills:

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to extend the time of collecting taxes in this State;

House bill to be entitled an Act to establish a ferry across the Bay at Atseena Otie;

House 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 January 1st, 1853; and

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws now in force in this State relative to ejectment suits.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obed't Serv't,

R. B. HILTON,
Clerk House Representatives.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor, and read: