

FRIDAY, December 2d, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read, amended and approved.

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

By Mr. McElvy :

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize William Green to contract and be contracted with.

By Mr. Hawes :

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to clear out the channel of the Ocklawaha river in this State.

By Mr. Lamar :

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Guardians, Administrators and Executors to invest the moneys of Wards, Testators and Intestates of Leon county, in the Railroad bonds of said county.

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

By Mr. Dawkins :

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of costs, by plaintiffs, in certain cases in the Western Judicial Circuit.

By Mr. Hawes :

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the dividing line between the counties of Putnam and St. Johns.

On motion, Mr. Dell was permitted to withdraw the resolution that all the select committees of the Senate, appointed at its last session, be discharged, and that they be requested to hand over to the Secretary of the Senate, all papers confided to them as such select committee.

Mr. McElvy moved that the order for the engrossing of a bill to be entitled an Act concerning dower, be reconsidered, and the same placed back upon its second reading, and that it be referred, with all other bills in relation to dower, before the Senate, to the Committee on the Judiciary ;

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. McQueen introduced without previous notice,

A Resolution to change Mail Route No. 6543 ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Lamar from the Committee on Engrossed bills made the following report :

MR. PRESIDENT :

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the boundary line between Columbia and Suwannee counties :

Respectfully submitted,

THOMPSON B. LAMAR,

Ch. Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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

Mr. Eppes made the following report :

The Committee on Federal Relations to whom was referred a Resolution relative to the establishment of the Boundary Line between the State of Georgia and the State of Florida, together with the special message of his Excellency the Governor, and Documents submitted on the subject.

REPORT :

That they have examined the Resolutions and find the same eminently adapted to adjust and quiet the "border difficulties," to which the Message and Documents submitted by the Governor refers, growing out of the conflict of jurisdiction between the two States.

They not only meet the suggestions of His Excellency the Governor, and harmonize in spirit and letter with the action of the Legislature of Georgia, but promise a settlement at once speedy, while at the same time, equitable to each State, and just to all "bona fide" settlers in the disputed Territory.

Your Committee therefore recommend their passage.

T. J. EPPES,

Ch. pro tem. Com. on Federal Relations.

Which was received, and the accompanying resolution concurred in.

Mr. Dell presented a petition from J. D. Godbold, and fifty-five other citizens of Suwannee county ;

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

A Committee from the House consisting of Messrs. Williams, Ingram and Richardson, appeared and informed the Senate, that a Committee had been appointed from the House to act with a similar Committee from the Senate to reconsider the subject of our Federal Relations.

Mr. Lamar moved that a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon the House, and inform them that the Senate has appointed a Committee of five to act with a similar Committee from the House as a Joint Select Committee on Federal Relations ;

Which motion was adopted ; and,

Messrs. Lamar, Keitt and Dawkins appointed such Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize William F. Green, of Gadsden County, to contract and be contracted with;

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

Joint resolutions repealing and repudiating the resolutions passed by the Senate, December 28th, 1847, passed by the House, December 29th, 1847, and approved December 30th, 1847, as to the Wilmot Proviso;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Baker moved that the same be referred to a special joint committee of five, to meet a similar committee from the House, to adopt concurrent resolutions expressive of the opinions of this Legislature, as to the matters involved.

Mr. Baldwin moved to lay the motion on the table:

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Dell, Hawes, Jones and Keitt—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Dawkins, Eppes, Eubanks, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—11.

So said motion was lost.

The question was upon the adoption of the motion offered by Mr. Baker;

The yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baker and McCall:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—16.

Nays—none.

So said motion was adopted, and the joint resolutions referred to said committee.

By consent of Mr. Baker, the following resolutions offered by Mr. McElvy, were included in said reference:

1st. *Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That not withstanding the signs of the times as evidenced by the dangerous doctrines of leading politicians at the North, asserting the existence of "an irrepressible conflict" between the two sections of the Union, accompanied by the late traitorous attempt to raise a general insurrection in the Southern States of this Union, fill us with the most serious apprehensions and alarm; yet we deem it unwise to pass any resolutions declaring in advance the course that the State of Florida will pursue in any emergency that may arise.*

2nd. *Be it further resolved, That as one of the extreme Southern*

States, while we preserve a calm and deliberate silence towards the North, we desire to assure the slaveholding States bordering on the free States, that we look to them as the van guard of our Constitutional rights, and the first to suffer when the "conflict" comes, and that to all their efforts to stay the tide of aggressions or open rebellion and invasions, we pledge the support of the people of Florida by every obligation of a common interest and a common destiny.

Whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Baker, McElvy, Baldwin, Lamar and Eppes on said committee.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, rules being waved, the Senator from Wakulla had leave of absence until Monday next.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the boundary line between Columbia and Suwannee counties;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—17.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion of Mr. Lamar the Senate took a recess until three o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to correct an error in the printed bill entitled an Act to incorporate Lake City;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize William J. Tucker, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to evidence;

Was read the second time, and on motion, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Courts of Probate in this State;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Guardians, Administrators and Executors to invest the moneys of Wards, Testators and Intestates, of Leon county, in the Railroad Bonds of said county;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second time by its title, and passed over informally to come up on its second reading to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Sarah Keziah Johnson, to Amelia Ann Emiline Johnson;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Andrew J. Moore, and Wm. S. Dilworth;

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

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

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

On motion, the rules being waived, Mr. McCall introduced the following bill without previous notice:

A bill to be entitled an Act to correct an error in the printed bill entitled an Act to create the counties of Suwannee and New River;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Geo. W. Martin to establish a ferry across the Suwannee river, at Fayetteville;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to clear out the channel of the Oclawaha river in this State, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the same, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time, rules waved, read a second time by its title, and eighty copies ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an Act to correct an error in a printed bill entitled an Act to create the Counties of Suwannee and New River;

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

A resolution to change mail route No. 6543;

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

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

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SATURDAY, December, 3d, 1859.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Welch gave notice that he would at some future day, ask leave to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Isaac Broxon and John W. Broxon, minors, of Holmes county, to assume the management of their own estates.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. McElvy introduced,

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the law allowing appeals from the decision of the Boards of County Commissioners in this State;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hawes presented a petition from Vandemire Sims and others, citizens of St. Johns county, to change the line between Putnam and St. Johns county;

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

Mr. Lamar from the committee on Engrossed bills 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 for the relief of Noah P. Suggs, of Lafayette county;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize George W. Martin to establish a ferry across the Suwannee river, at Fayetteville;

A bill to be entitled an Act to correct an error in the printed Act entitled an Act to incorporate the city of Lake City;

Resolutions relative to the boundary line between the State of Georgia and the State of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Sarah Keziah Johnson to Amelia Ann Emiline Johnson; and