

FRIDAY, January 11, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The following communication was received and ordered to be spread upon the journal :

HOUSE OF DELEGATES, }
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 11, 1861. }

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate :

SIR: By a resolution of this Convention, your honorable body is respectfully invited to attend at the "Capitol" this day, at one o'clock, P. M., to witness the ratification of the "Ordinance of Secession." Your attendance is respectfully solicited.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM S. HARRIS,
Secretary.

Also the following :

TREASURY OFFICE, }
Tallahassee, Jan. 10, 1861. }

To Members of the Senate

and House of Representatives :

GENTLEMEN: The sum of Five Hundred Dollars was handed in this morning by Bishop Rutledge, as a voluntary contribution towards the expenses of the State Government this year.

Very respectfully,

C. H. AUSTIN,
Treasurer.

Mr. Magbee gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas J. Cook, and for other purposes.

Mr. Chain asked for leave, which was granted to him, to introduce the following bills, of which he had previously given notice, to-wit :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State in regulating the issue of the process of garnishment ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road law, and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county, herein named ;

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the Common School Fund of Santa Rosa county ; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower William H. Webster, a

minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bills :

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the disposition of Real Estate held in parcenay and in common ;

A bill to be entitled an Act relating to foreign guardians ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to alter the majority of women ;

A bill to be entitled an Act defining treason and certain other crimes, and providing for the punishment thereof ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to legalize certain sales of real estate ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the Express business ; and

A bill to be entitled an Act re-organizing the military forces of the State.

Mr. Duncan gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire.

Mr. Magbee gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for holding special terms of the Circuit Court.

Mr. McCall moved the bill entitled an Act to establish the records of Columbia County, be placed first among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call moved that a committee of three be appointed to announce to the House that the standing judiciary committee of the Senate had been authorized to act as a joint committee with the similar committee on the part of the House :

Whereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. Call, Simkins and Chain said committee.

Mr. Call moved that the invitation of the Convention to attend and witness the signing by the Convention of the ordinance of secession be accepted.

Mr. Brokaw gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of volunteer companies.

Mr. Chain presented the petition of James C. McArthur, former Sheriff of Santa Rosa county, asking for relief ;

Which was read, and on motion referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Chain, Watlington and Bowers.

Mr. Baldwin gave notice that he would on some future day beg leave to introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Lavilla Institute.

The Committee on the Executive Department, to whom was referred "A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled, an

Act for the regulation of pilots and pilotage at the bay and harbor of Pensacola," having had the same under consideration, have instructed me to

REPORT :

That in the 1st line of the 7th Sec., after the word "that," strike out all thereafter up to the word "it" in 3d line, and after the word "aforesaid" in the 11th line, insert the following: "Provided, however, that nothing in this act or that of the 9th of January, 1855, aforesaid, shall be so construed as to require any vessel whatever, to pay pilotage, or any part thereof, unless the said vessel shall require and engage the service of a pilot."

And with these amendments, believing the said bill to be just and right, to recommend its passage.

JOHN CHAIN,
Chairman.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

Was read the second time and referred to committee on judiciary.

On motion, the resolution in regard to the election of Comptroller and Attorney General was taken up, and upon motion of Mr. Dawkins was laid on the table until Tuesday next.

Mr. McCall moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday next.

Mr. Rogers moved that at the hour named by the convention of the people of the State of Florida, the Senate repair to the eastern portico of the Capitol, the place selected by the convention for the formal signing of the ordinance of secession, and after the formalities of that occasion have been concluded, the Senate stand adjourned until to-morrow at 12 M.

Which was accepted by Mr. McCall as a substitute.

Mr. Call moved a division of the question, and the first portion of repairing to the Eastern portico of the Capitol;

Which was adopted.

The question of adjournment was then taken up;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. McCall and Rogers—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Duncan, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Walker and Watlington—15.

So said portion of the motion was lost.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina;

Was read the second time and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Call Baldwin and Finlayson.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act regulating Pilots and Pilotage of the Bay of Pensacola;

Was read the second time, and amendment made by the committee on Executive Department, was adopted.

Mr. Chain offered the following amendment:

At the end of the proviso, and after the word "pilot," insert "and that it shall be the duty of a vessel, when she wishes the services of a pilot to give a signal for that purpose."

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

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road law, and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county herein named;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the common school fund of Santa Rosa county;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of process of garnishment;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the commonwealth of Florida;

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

On motion, a committee of three consisting of Messrs. Call, Baldwin and Dawkins, was appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the House to inform the convention that the two Houses would be ready at the hour appointed to proceed to the eastern portico of the Capitol, and witness the signing of the ordinance of secession;

Which committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

At one o'clock the Senate proceeded to the Eastern Portico of the Capitol, where in the presence of the authorities of the State the Delegates to the Convention proceeded to affix their signatures to the Ordinance of Secession, after which the Senate repaired to the Senate Chamber, and on motion adjourned until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 12th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Call introduced the following bills :

A bill to be entitled an Act to legalize certain sales of real estate ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the Express business ;

A bill to be entitled an Act relating to foreign guardians ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the disposition of real estate held in parcenary and in common ; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to alter the majority of women.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Abercrombie gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Marth Ann Barnes to that of Mary Harriet McClelland.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Baldwin begs leave to introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the La Villa institute near Jacksonville.

Mr. Chain gave notice that after to day he would ask leave to introduce the following bills :

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the mode of appointing constables ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of the State in relation to coroners and jurors of inquest ; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to relieve the Town Council

of the Town of Milton in Santa Rosa county, of the limit of fifty per cent. taxation within the corporation limits of said town, and for other purposes.

Mr. Ingram gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bills :

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate ;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of George W. Ellis, of Alachua county ; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to George Washington Rosamond.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Duncan introduced the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire ;

Which was ordered to placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the records of Columbia county, and for other purposes ;

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower William H. Webster, 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 Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road law, and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county, herein named ;

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A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the common school fund of Santa Rosa county ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment ;

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to the committee on Judiciary and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections ;

Was read the second time, and on motion, was referred to the committee on Elections, and 80 copies ordered to be printed.