

For WILLIAMS—Messrs. Baldwin, Prokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—7. House—20. Total—27.

For PYLES—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen and Simkins—8. House—18. Total—26.

For BAKER—Mr. Davidson—1. House—1. Total—2.

Neither candidate having received a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

The name of B. B. Baker was withdrawn.

The joint Assembly proceeded to another ballot;

The vote was :

For WILLIAMS—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—7. House—22. Total—29.

For PYLES—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen and Simkins—8. House—18. Total—26.

Neither candidate having received a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

The joint Assembly then proceeded to another ballot;

The vote was :

For WILLIAMS—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—7. House—21. Total—28.

For PYLES—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen and Simkins—8. House—19. Total—27.

Neither candidate receiving a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

On motion the joint Assembly adjourned.

The Senate proceeded to the Senate Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Call the Senate adjourned until half-past ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 25, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings were dispensed with and amended.

On motion of Mr. Brokaw, Mr. Walker was excused from attendance in the Senate until Tuesday next.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to increase the taxes ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to reduce the costs of criminal proceedings, and the pay of jurors and State witnesses ; and

A bill to be entitled an Act requiring railroad companies to maintain proper road-crossings and cattle guards.

Mr. Call, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an Act declatory of the sense of the General Assembly as to the grant of lands to aid in the construction of the different railroads in this State.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Davidson moved that the resolution in relation to adjournment be placed first among the orders of the day ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McCall moved that the Constitution be so amended that the Capitol of the State of Florida be removed from Tallahassee to Lake City ;

Which was adopted.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 24, 1861. }

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate :

Sir: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills viz. :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the pleading and practice in the courts of this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize William J. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zipperce to establish a toll bridge across the Suwannee and Alapha rivers ;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Maria delos Dolores Justiana, and Maria Isabel Justiana ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to election of directors ;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Satrenes Remerez and others, inhabitants of the county of Escambia ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow A. I. Baker, of the county of Volusia, to practice medicine in said county ;

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

A House bill to be entitled an Act to declare Peas Creek a navigable stream.

Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Senate bills ordered to be enrolled and House bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Jones from the committee on Elections made the following report:

The committee on Elections to whom was referred A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections, having had the same under consideration, instructed me to

REPORT

In favor of the bill and recommend its passage, the same being highly needed as an amendment of the election laws of this State.

W. B. JONES,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act regulating Pilots and Pilotage of the bay of Pensacola.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman.

Mr. Dawkins from the committee on Internal Improvements made the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the bill entitled an Act to improve the navigation of Chipola river and other purposes, have examined the same and recommend its passage.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Chairman.

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

Mr. Baldwin from the committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county,

REPORT

That they have had the same under consideration and find the claim a just one and recommend its passage.

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad Company,

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the passage of said bill with amendments.

All of which are herewith respectfully submitted.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chairman.

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

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to establish a bank on behalf of, and for the benefit of the State of Florida, having had the same under consideration, instructed me to

REPORT:

That there was no evidence before the Committee that the three months previous notice, required by the constitution, was ever given, and understanding that the Convention, just adjourned, had been applied to for an amendment in that particular, so as to enable the present General Assembly to pass said bill, which was refused by the Convention, believing that the issue of Treasury notes would answer the object better; and although the committee are of opinion that such a bank established for the State would be of great benefit

to the State and the public, yet they are, at the same time, of opinion that the General Assembly cannot pass the bill without a violation of the constitution, unless the three months previous notice had first been given.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report :

The committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to establish a Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to

REPORT

The same with amendments made thereto, and recommend the passage of the bill.

Your Committee would suggest the propriety of the General Assembly, that while it is its duty to give a just and healthy circulating medium to the people of the State, at the same time to be cautious not to create too many banking institutions, the result of which might lead to the unfortunate result of either flooding the country with unredeemable paper currency, or so curtail the business of the banks, to such narrow limits, as to make the capital worthless.

JAMES T. MAGBEE,

Chairman.

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, William J. Keyser, and other owners of wharf property at Milton, in Santa Rosa county, to establish and charge rates of wharfage.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution in relation to adjournment ;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to lay the resolution on the table ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Davdson and Bowers ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Jones, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Dawkins, Davdson, Ingram, McQueen and Walker—8.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Baldwin moved that the resolution be laid upon the table until Wednesday next.

Which was adopted.

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

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to strike out the second section ;

Which was lost.

Mr. Finlayson moved to strike out "ten cents" and insert "five cents ;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Ingram and Walker ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Call and Finlayson—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Walker—12.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to amend as follows : in the fourth line of the first section, after the word "that," insert the words "at the hour of noon ;" in the same line, after the word "election," insert the words "exclusive of the day on which said election is held." In the fifth line of the same section, after the word "Dade" insert "Brevard."

Which were adopted.

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend as follows : Strike out "with" after the word "exhausted," in the seventh line of first section.

Which was adopted.

The bill then as amended was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee, at Tallahassee ;

Was read the second time and 80 copies of the bill was ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

The rules being waived, Mr. Ingram from the committee on engrossed bills made the following report :

The committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide a remedy to enforce the lien of ship-wrights, ship-chandlers and others against ships, vessels, steam-boats or other water crafts ;

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

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 ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to increase the compensation of the Solicitors of this State;

A bill to be entitled an Act providing for a stay of executions;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the defence of certain Sea Ports;

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;

A bill to be entitled an Act to protect occupants or settlers upon the public lands of the State of Florida in their possessions of, and to their improvements thereon;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of Measurers and Inspectors and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Jas. McCormick;

A bill to be entitled an act concerning roads and highways in this State; and

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chm'n Com. on Engrossed bills.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish a bank in behalf of and for the benefit of the State of Florida;

Was read the second time by its title, and on motion, the bill was laid on the table.

A bill be entitled an Act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine & Indian river Railroad Company;

Was read the second time by its title, amendments reported by committee adopted, and 80 copies of the bill as amended ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to improve the navigation of Chipola river, and other purposes;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Call moved to refer the bill for the relief of E. M. West back to the committee on Claims and Accounts, with instructions for them to report the amount claimed by said E. M. West for costs due him, and the amount of fines and penalties assessed and collected in the course of said proceedings.

Mr. Baldwin moved as a substitute that the bill be referred to the committee on Militia;

Which was lost.

Mr. Dawkins moved to substitute the committee on Judiciary in lieu of committee on Claims and Accounts;

Which was lost.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Call;

Which was adopted, and the bill recommitted to committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of the banks of this State and for other purposes;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Magbee moved that the word "of" in the fourth line of the third section be stricken out, and the words "put in circulation by" be inserted.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend section four in the third line by inserting after the words other than their own, the words, "except by consent of the person or persons to whom such bill or bills may be offered."

Mr. Call moved a question of order.

The Chair decided the amendment offered by Mr. Dawkins was in order, from which decision Mr. Call appealed.

The House sustained the decision of the Chair. The question then recurred upon the amendment as offered by Mr. Dawkins.

Which was lost.

Mr. Eppes moved as an amendment the following additional section.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the several banks of this State, and the agencies of foreign banks in this State be and they are hereby authorized to suspend specie payment; and all penalties or interest heretofore provided by law upon their refusal to pay specie on demand of any bill holder of the notes of any of said banks, be and the same are hereby suspended until the first day of January, A. D. 1862.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs Call and Eppes.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones and Walker—7.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen and Watlington—6.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Davsdson moved to amend the section just adopted by inserting between the words "banks" and "be" the words "hereafter to be issued."

Which was lost.

Mr. Call moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Baldwin and Magbee:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Walker and Watlington—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, and Jones—6.

So said bill was indefinitely postponed.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding the Circuit Court of the Middle Circuit of Florida.

Which bill was received and placed among the orders of the day:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Joseph Alzerotte;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to strike out the second section.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen and Watlington—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Magbee and Walker—6.

So the second section was stricken out.

The bill as amended was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act relating to the duties of school commissioners and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Schools and Colleges.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of James D. Smith;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to compel the regular attendance of witnesses.

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 county commissioners of Washington County to establish a ferry across Holmes Creek;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company;

Was read the second time by its title and referred to committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine to be located at St. Augustine, Fla.;

Was read the second time by its title and referred to the committee on Schools and Colleges.

House bill entitled an Act permanently to locate the county site of Volusia county;

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

House bill entitled an Act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, former Sheriff and Tax Collector of Putnam county;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Donald Cameron Justice of the Peace of Leon County;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an Act to extend the jurisdiction of Justice's of the Peace and for other purposes;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to relieve the Town Council of the Town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said Town, and for other purposes;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county from Hewitt's Bluff to that of Gay Hill, and for other purposes therein expressed;

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 amend the law of this State in relation to Coroners and Juries of Inquest;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to strike out all after the enacting clause;

Which motion was lost.

On motion, the bill was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Chain Baldwin and Magbee.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, the rules were waived, and the House bill entitled an Act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts of the Middle Circuit of Florida, was taken up and read a first and second time by its title, and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Finlayson and Walker.

On motion the Senate adjourned until half-past ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.