

SATURDAY, January 26, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The journals of yesterday were amended and approved, and on motion, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the obtaining of the record books and dockets required by law for the Clerks of the Circuit Courts offices of this State and for other purposes.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Chain asked leave, which was granted, to introduce the following bill:

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

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee moved that a standing committee of five on Ways and Means be appointed;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call moved that when the Senate adjourn to-day it adjourn until Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call moved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to ascertain from the Secretary of the Convention whether he has transmitted all of the ordinances of the Convention to the Senate, and if not to obtain from said Secretary the remaining ordinances forthwith;

Which was adopted.

The following message was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, January 25, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I herewith enclose a statement of the condition of the bank of Fernandina on the first day of January, A. D. 1861, made by the cashier thereof.

A press of business prevented my submitting it to the General Assembly at an earlier date.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which statement was ordered to be spread upon the journal.

Statement of the Bank of Fernandina, January 1, 1861.

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	\$95,540 00
Circulation,	33,100 00
Due to other banks,	39 76
Profits,	3,359 22
Due to depositors,	16,388 57—\$148,427 55

ASSETS.

Specie, bills of specie paying banks, and deposits in specie paying banks,	\$ 31,842 79
Due by other banks,	352 06
Bills of other banks,	1,226 22
Bills receivable,	109,462 02
Due from individuals,	3,934 34
Suspense account,	1,610 12—\$148,427 55

A. W. COLE,
President.

JOHN HODGES
Cashier.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 25, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the following bills viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Big Spring creek in Jackson county, to Spring river;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas Jefferson Cook, and for other purposes;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the Express business;

House bill to be entitled an act to permit Erasmus Thompson of Hillsborough county, to practice law in the several counties of this State;

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of Probate and county commissioners of New River county to draw and select Grand Jurors; and

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State.

A. J. PEELER,

Very respectfully,
Clerk House of Representatives.

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

Mr. Simkins from the committee on renrolled 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 in relation to common school fund of Santa Rosa county.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,

Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

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 permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to

REPORT

The act of 1845, Thompson's Digest, page 147, chapter 2, section 1, part 1, gives the power to the Board of county Commissioners, in the several counties of the State, of establishing ferries within the limits of their jurisdiction, but in as much as the Withlacoochee river is the dividing line between the counties of Levy and Hernando, doubts may arise as to which county the power to establish this ferry properly belongs, and as the act aforesaid does not deprive the General Assembly of the right of establishing ferries, the bill is reported back to the Senate, and its passage recommended.

JAMES T. MAGAEE,

Chairman.

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

Mr. Magbee, from the select committee, made the following report :

A majority of the select committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act concerning pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys,

REPORT :

That they have had the same under consideration, and find that the act only applies to that port. It is deemed by a majority of the committee that a people situated as those at Cedar Keys, would not ask for any law to be passed that would effect commerce, as their in-

terest is greatly depending thereon. We are therefore of opinion that the passage of the bill under consideration will benefit the people of Cedar Keys, and also those who are engaged in exporting and importing at that place. The undersigned, a majority of the committee, return to the Senate said bill, and respectfully ask that the same do pass without amendment.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.
JAS. W. McQUEEN.

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

Mr. Watlington, from the Select Committee, made the following report :

The undersigned, of the Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act concerning Pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys,

REPORT

The following amendments to said bill, to-wit :

In the tenth line, section three, after the word "have," insert "one-half," and in the sixteenth line, same section, strike out all after the word "shall," and insert "not be compelled to pay pilotage." In section four, between the words "bound" and "such," strike out and insert "having taken a duly authorized pilot in." Also add section 7 as follows :

Be it further enacted, That all vessels carrying the mails along the coast of Florida, propelled either by steam or sails, when compelled by law to carry a pilot, such mail vessel shall not be bound to take a pilot, nor pay the fees required by this act.

After the foregoing amendments the undersigned most respectfully recommend that the provisions of said bill be made a general law for all the ports of the State, all of which is by the undersigned respectfully submitted.

F. WATLINGTON,

Chairman.

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

The special committee made the following report :

The special committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State in relation to coroners and juries of inquest, had had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT

That by adding to the bill the three additional sections, Nos. 5, 6,

and 7, recommend the passage of the bill with the said additional sections.

JOHN CHAIN,
JAS. T. MAGBEE, } Committee.
A. S. BALDWIN,

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

The special committee made the following report:

The Special committee to whom was referred the petition of Josiah Q. Guild and twenty-six others, citizens of Santa Rosa county, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to

REPORT:

That they have examined the said petition carefully, and from the reputed character of the petitioners, believe that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, therefore ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Ellis W. Hawkins, of Santa Rosa county, and recommend its passage.

JOHN CHAIN,
D. C. DAWKINS. } Committee.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river;

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 in relation to coroners and jurors of inquest;

Was read the second time and amendments reported by Select committee adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Baldwin from committee on schools and Colleges allowed to make the following report:

The committee on Schools and Colleges, to which was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine to be located at St. Augustine,

REPORT:

That the bill is an ordinary charter for a college in which is to be taught the usual branches of education at such an institution, and

the body of corporators or trustees, are to hold real estate only, from the purposes of the Institution hence your committee have authorized me to recommend its passage.

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman.

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Ellis W. Hawkins, of Santa Rosa county:

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

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

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

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola;

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

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

Was read the second, amendments reported by the committee adopted.

Mr. Call moved the following additional sections:

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever any person who shall be sentenced to pay any fine by the Mayor and Council of said town, or either of them, shall refuse to pay the same, it shall and may be lawful for said Mayor to compel the said person to work upon the public streets of said town for a time sufficient to pay the said fine and costs at the rate of one dollar per day: *Provided*, however, no charge shall be made against said criminal for board during the time the said work is being performed.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Mayor and Council shall also have power by ordinance to prevent any vessel from landing any pauper within the limits of said town, and when any pauper shall be so landed or shall come within the limits of said town the said Mayor or Council may provide for the prompt removal and punishment in case of their return or refusal to go.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That so much of the proviso to the twenty-sixth section of the charter of said city of Fernandina as limits the tax upon real and personal estate to fifty cents on the one hundred dollars, shall not be held or deemed to apply to any special tax levied on the owner of any lot for the purpose of improving the streets and side-walks adjoining the same.

Which were adopted.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Campbellton, Jackson county;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill entitled an act to amend the school laws of Columbia, Suwannee, New River, Lafayette, Nassau and Sumpter counties;

Was read the second time. On motion the fifth section of the bill was stricken out. The bill was ordered for a third reading on Monday.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed Senate bill entitled an act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the rules were waived, amendments read and concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. D. Rogers, sheriff of St. Johns county;

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

House bill to be entitled an act to allow Matthew McKinney to assume the management of his own estate;

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

House bill entitled an Act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklocknee river for the purpose of erecting a mill;

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

House bill entitled an act to re-organize the county of Brevard and for other purposes;

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

House bill entitled an act to amend the acts creating liens in favor of builders, material men, mechanics laborers and others;

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

House bill entitled an act to repeal an act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on

Monday.

House bill entitled an act authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county with a seal of office;

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

House bill entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile Railroad and manufacturing company;

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

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12, 1849:

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Taxation and Revenue.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance company;

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

A bill to be entitled an act defining who shall be competent witnesses and for other purposes;

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

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, and to plead and be impleaded;

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

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts;

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for an issue of Treasury notes;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. Benjamin Hopkins;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain, Magbee and Rogers—4.
So said motion was adopted, and the bill referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for holding the terms of the Supreme Court at the seat of government;
Was read the second time.

Mr. Magbee moved that the bill be passed over informally;
Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Call;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins and Magbee—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Jones, McQueen and Simkins—9.
So said motion was lost.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the bill lie on the table until Tuesday next;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Dawkins and Magbee;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins and Magbee—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Jones, McQueen and Simkins—9.
So said motion was lost.

Mr. Magbee moved to amend by adding the following additional section :

SEC. . *Be it further enacted*, That the salary of said Judges shall be decreased to twenty-one hundred dollars per annum.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and Magbee;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Dawkins and Magbee—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—10.
So said amendment was lost.

Mr. Magbee moved to amend by adding the following additional section :

SEC. . *Be it further enacted*, That the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court shall be two thousand dollars.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and Magbee;

The vote was :

Yeas Messrs. Dawkins, Finlayson, Magbee and McQueen—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Davidson, Jones, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—9.
So said amendment was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Davidson from the Select committee allowed to make the following report :

The Select committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to change the times of holding the Circuit Courts in the Middle Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, report a substitute for said bill, and recommend the passage of said substitute.

R. H. M. DAVIDSON, Chairman,
JNO. FINLAYSON.

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

House bill entitled an act to change the times of holding the Circuit Courts in the Middle Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida;

Was read the second time, substitute reported by Select committee adopted, rule waived, read the third time by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, and Simkins—12

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Finlayson and Jones were appointed to convey said bill and substitute to the House and inform that body of the action of the Senate thereon. Said committee retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed said duty and were discharged.

On motion the rules were waived, and Mr. Dawkins moved that the Senator from Alachua be excused from attendance on the Senate until Wednesday next;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a term of the Supreme Court in the Suwannee Circuit;

Was read the second time and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Chain, Call and Watlington.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the of the Florida volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminoles;

The bill was received and placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the act governing the county commissioners of Nassau county in certain cases;

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

A bill to entitled an act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed;

Was read a second time and referred to committee on Judiciary. Resolution relating to the Florida and Georgia Boundary line;

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

Resolution relative to the price of the public lands in this State;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Jones, Magbee, McQueen and Rogers—9.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson and Finlayson—2.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House bill entitled an act to authorize William J. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zippera to establish a toll bridge across the Suwannee and Alapaha rivers;

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

House bill for the relief of Maria de los Dolores Justimani and Maria Isabel Justimani;

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

House bill entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad company in relation to the election of directors;

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

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Ramirez and others, inhabitants of the county of Escambia;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill to be entitled an act to allow A. J. Baker, of the county of Volusia, to practice medicine in said county;

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

House bill to be entitled an act to declare Peas Creek a navigable stream;

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

House bill entitled an act to amend the pleading and practice in the Courts of this State;

Was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

Engrossed bill entitled an act to provide a remedy to enforce the lien of ship-wrights, ship-chandlers and others, against ships, vessels, steamboats, or other water crafts;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

The Chair announced the following standing committee on Ways and Means, in pursuance to resolution adopted this morning, viz:— Messrs. Magbee, Finlayson, Dawkins, Call and Watlington.

On motion the Senate adjourned until Monday, three o'clock, P. M.

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MONDAY, January 28, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of the journal of Saturday's proceedings was dispensed with, amended and approved.

Mr. Dawkins gave notice that he would on a subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning elections; and

A bill to be entitled an act requiring Judges of Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of causes wherein three or more witnesses are subpoenaed.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the common school fund in the counties of Washington and Holmes.

Mr. Magbee moved that the rules be waived to allow him to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county commissioners of Hillsboro' county to borrow money;