

House bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Duncan, Jones, McQueen and Watlington—9.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson, Ingram, Magbee, Rogers and Walker—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Holstead H. Hoeg, and assignees;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—12.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson and McQueen—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to allow sheriffs costs for advertising their sales in the public gazettes;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "or that is printed nearest thereto in the Judicial Circuit where said levy is made;"

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson, Duncan, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Walker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So said motion was lost, the rule requiring three-fourths to amend on the third reading.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson, Duncan, Jones, Rogers and Walker—7.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion of Mr. Call the rules were waived and he moved an additional section to a bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, which was ordered to be engrossed to day, viz:

Sec. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Railroad shall be and remain free from toll or other charge upon the transportation of any property or troops of the State of Florida, or of any other government legitimately succeeding to the power, rights and privileges of the late United States;

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

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

TUESDAY, February 5th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum present.

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

On motion of Mr. Call, the rules were waived so as to allow the committees on Engrossed Bills and Enrolled Bills to report at any time.

Mr. McQueen asked that the rules be waived, that he might make a motion;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McQueen moved to reconsider the vote upon the bill to be entitled an act to allow sheriffs costs for advertising their sales in the public gazettes;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved that the bill be placed back upon its second reading;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call from the Judiciary committee made the following report:

The joint Judiciary committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act prescribing the form of an oath of allegiance, have had the same under consideration and instructed us to

REPORT

A substitute for the original bill, and recommend that the substitute do pass.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, the substitute adopted in lieu of the original, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

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

The committee on Enrolled Bills begs leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled:

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

A bill to be entitled an act combining the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor of Jefferson county;

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the fees of Notaries Public in certain cases;

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

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 Cerro Gorda and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners to establish a ferry across Holmes creek; and

Resolution relating to the Florida and Georgia boundary line.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Mr. Call from the joint Judiciary committee made the following report:

The Joint Judiciary Committee recommend the passage of the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the representation of this State in the Southern Confederation;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the maintenance of the Light houses on the sea board;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the punishment of those persons who pretend to hold offices in this State not recognized by the laws thereof, and for other purposes; and

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of those States which have passed bank suspension and stay laws from collecting debts in this State.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and read, and on motion of Mr. Call, the bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

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

The committee to whom was referred a resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin, beg leave to make the following

REPORT:

They have had the same under consideration, and upon examination believe the same to be correct and just, and recommend the passage of the resolution.

P. B. BROKAW,
For Committee.

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

Mr. Ingram from a select committee made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock without the consent of the owner, in Nassau county, have had the same under consideration, and offer a substitute in lieu of the original, and recommend its passage.

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chairman.

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

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 establish the Bank of Commerce;

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted and cavalry companies in this State for military service; and

A bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.
Respectfully submitted,

T. INGRAM,
Chairman,

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the Common School Fund of Washington and Holmes counties;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Walker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson, Magbee, and Rogers—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act repealing the Usury Laws;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins and Simkins—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Walker—8.

So the said bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to Sheriffs;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—11.

Nays—Messrs. Dawkins, and Walker—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones and Simkins—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Walker—8.

So said bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for writs of error in criminal cases;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

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

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act requiring Railroad Companies to maintain proper cattle guards and Railroad crossings;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

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

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsborough county to borrow money;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

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

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

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

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Donald Cameron, Justice of the Peace for Leon county ;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

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

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the criminal laws of this State and to provide for the punishment of abusive words ;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Rogers offered the following as a substitute for the bill :

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, That from and after the passage of this act, any abusive words may be introduced in evidence in indictment for assault and assault and battery, and may in the discretion of the jury be deemed and taken to be a justification for such assault or assault and battery.

Which was adopted.

The bill was then put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—12.

Nay—Mr. Davidson—1.

So said bill passed.

Mr. Rogers moved to substitute the following for the title of the bill :

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to evidence in cases of assault and assault and battery ;

Which was adopted.

Ordered that the passage of the bill be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent breaches of trust by Telegraph Operators ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

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

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of members of the General Assembly ;

Was read the second time.

The substitute, proposed by the committee, was adopted in lieu of the original.

The rules were then waived and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

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

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act extending the time for making demands on Railroad Companies for stock killed or injured, and for other purposes ;

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

The vote was :

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

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to locate the county site of Levy county ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to regulate fishing on the coast of Florida;

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

The rules being waived, Mr. Dawkins from the committee on Internal Improvement, made the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a company to construct a railroad from St. Andrews to some point on the line of Georgia and Alabama in West Florida, propose the following amendments: Strike out the word "one" and insert the word "ten" in the nineteenth line of section three, strike out the word "five" and insert "ninety" in the tenth line of section five, and strike out all after the words "printed in" in the sixteenth line of the same section and insert "in West Florida on the line of said road," strike out the same words in the twelfth and thirteenth lines and insert as above; strike out section eighteen and insert the following:

Be it further enacted, That in so far as the route of said railroad shall be within the line or routes laid down in section four of the act entitled an act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved January 6th, 1855, the said company shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits of the said act, and for the residue of the route of said railroad not so embraced by the provisions of said section four, the alternate sections of the swamp and overflowed lands for six miles on each side shall become the property of said railroad company in the mode and manner pointed out by the 29th section of the said above recited act.

Strike out section nineteen.

With which amendments your committee recommend the passage of the bill.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, the amendments proposed by the committee concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed bills made the following report:

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

A bill to be entitled an act providing for carrying the mails.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was received and read.

On motion of Mr. Ingram, the rules were waived and the bill read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws in the counties of Leon and Gadsden;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Town of Monticello, Jefferson county, in this State;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read a second and third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry C. Groovestine to plead and practice law;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Rogers offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after "provided he" in first section, and insert "shall comply with the requirements of the law in relation to the admission of Attorneys, in force at the time his application shall be made."

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

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Wm. J. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee county;

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

House bill to be entitled an act making Capt. Simeon Sparkman a citizen of Columbia county;

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

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Rogers and Watlington—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Walker—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Building and Saving Association;

Was read the third time and passed over informally to come upon its third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, administrator of the estate of R. A. Child, deceased;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Davidson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, and Walker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins and Jones—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws of Nassau county;

Was read the second time, the rules waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

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

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George D. Holt and Thaddeus Rees of Wakulla county;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of pilots at the port of St. Marks;

Was read the second time, the rules waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William H. Fannin.

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

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 4th, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES:

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bills, viz:

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

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning roads and highways in St. John's county in this State;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Marianna, approved January 8th, 1853;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the servacies of civil process in certain cases;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking of the marks and brands of cattle driven or shipped from the counties of Sumter, Hillsborough and Manatee;

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine to be located at St. Augustine;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City, as amended;

Senate resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis, of Alachua county;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina ;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;

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

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Ellis W. Hawkins, of Santa Rosa county.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was received and read and the Senate bills which had passed the House without amendment, ordered to be enrolled, and the House bills read the first time by their titles, and bills placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Magbee moved that the House amendments to a bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City be concurred in.

Mr. Call moved as a substitute for Mr. Magbee's motion, that the bill be passed over informally until to-morrow ;

Upon the adoption of the substitute the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Call ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, and Magbee—3.

So the motion prevailed.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the motion to postpone indefinitely ;

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

The vote was :

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

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw and Magbee—2.

So the motion prevailed, and the bill was passed over informally.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that a committee of five had been appointed on the part of the House to confer with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, to wait upon and confer with His Excellency the Governor on the measures that may be necessary to defend the State of Florida.

Mr. Call moved that the militia committee to whom was referred the Governor's special message, with authority to confer with the Governor, be also authorized to confer with the select committee of the House, to whom the same message was referred.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved that a committee of three be appointed to inform the House that the special message of His Excellency, the Governor, was referred by the Senate to the committee on the militia, with instructions to confer with His Excellency the Governor, and to act with any committee of the House to which said message might be referred in relation thereto ;

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Rogers, Dawkins, and Jones appointed said committee, who retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee by the House to inform the Senate that the House had passed a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make temporary arrangements to meet the present expenses of the State ;

Which resolution was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 5, 1861. }

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate :

SIR :—The amendments proposed by the committee of conference on a Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State, have this day been adopted by the House.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, the amendments proposed by the committee of conference concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Resolution in relation to adjournment ;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment :

Provided if any called session of the General Assembly should be rendered necessary by such premature adjournment, there shall be no mileage allowed to members for attending said session, and that until the first of April, or until it shall be definitely ascertained whether such session be necessary, the mileage of members for this session be left in the Treasury.

Which was adopted.

The resolution was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad charter;

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

Resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major-General in the army of Florida;

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

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

Was read a second time.

Mr. Magbee moved its indefinite postponement;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Davidson, and Magbee—2.

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

So said motion was lost.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Magbee moved that the bill be re-referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, McQueen and Simkins—5.

So the motion prevailed and the bill was re-referred.

On motion Messrs. Ingram and Jones were added to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company;

Was read the second time.

Pencing which, on motion the Senate took a recess until half-past three o'clock, P. M.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida & Georgia Railroad Company;

Was taken up;

Mr. Call moved that the amendments proposed by the committee on Corporations be concurred in;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Call offered to further amend by striking out "one dollar" in the 8th line of section 3 and inserting "ten dollars in gold or silver coin or the bills of solvent banks;"

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Walker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Chain, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—4.

So the amendment was adopted.

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

House bill to be 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 third time.

Mr. Magbee moved to amend by inserting the word "dam" after "a" in the second section;

Which was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. Davidson—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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, and on motion of Mr. Call laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judge of Probate of Washington and Holmes county to draw certain school funds;

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the public expenditure; Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock without the consent of the owner in Nassau, Alachua and St. Johns county;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Walker moved to add "Wakulla;"

Which was adopted.

The rules were then waived and the bill read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—12.

Nay—Mr. Baldwin—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make temporary arrangements to meet the present expenses of the State;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second time and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted and cavalry companies in this State for military service;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Commerce; Was read the third time.

Mr. Magbee moved to amend by striking out "twenty-thousand" whenever it occurs and inserting "one hundred thousand;"

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the republication of certain laws;

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

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to encourage and facilitate internal improvements, to authorize and regulate partnerships for that purpose;

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

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State.

Respectfully submitted,
TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chairman.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of insurance companies;

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

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. L. Dancy, late Surveyor General and for 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 defining the condition of free negroes and other persons of color,

Was read the second time and on motion indefinitely postponed, House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of physicians who are summoned to attend coroner's juries, approved January 11, 1855;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Walker and Watlington—10.

Nay—Mr. Ingram.

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

House bill to be entitled an act concerning the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State;

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

House bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Elizabeth Lovett;

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

A bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in part or in whole by steam, in this State;

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

A bill to be entitled an act to allow costs to Sheriffs for advertising their sales in the public gazettes of this State;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "or that is printed nearest thereto in the Judicial Circuit."

Pending the adoption of which, Mr. Eppes moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Which was agreed to.

On motion the vote indefinitely postponing the bill was reconsidered, and the bill was taken up and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Call moved to reconsider the vote indefinitely postponing the bill entitled an act defining the condition of free negroes and other persons of color;

Which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on the indefinite postponement of the bill;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Magbee and Watlington—6.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—9.

So the Senate refused to indefinitely postpone, and on motion, the bill was taken up and passed over informally, to come up on its second reading on to-morrow.

House resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin;

Was read a second time, rules waived, read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and Walker—5.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act re-organizing the Military forces in this State;

Was read the second time, and on motion, passed over informally to come up on its second reading on to-morrow.

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

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WEDNESDAY, February 6th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

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

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

Mr. Baldwin moved to withdraw the bill which passed at the second reading in this House yesterday, entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company from the Senate;

Upon the adoption of which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram;

The vote was: