

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Ingram, Jones, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee, McCall and McQueen—7.

So the amendment was adopted.

The rules being waived, the bill was read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—11.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Ingram, Rogers and Simkins—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee of conference on the part of the House to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate to advise and confer upon the consideration of Senate substitute to House bill entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and receivers of Public Lands in this State and for other purposes.

Messrs. Call, Jones and McCall were appointed said committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion the Senate adjourned until half-past 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, February 13th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

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

Mr. Call asked leave, which was not granted, to introduce without previous notice the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act for the preservation of public property and for other purposes.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
February 13th, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has refused to pass a Senate bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State, and have adopted in lieu thereof a substitute as an amendment, which bill and substitute are herewith submitted.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,

Clerk House of Representatives.

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

Mr. McCall introduced the following preamble and resolution: WHEREAS, the Governor of this State has been officially notified that a permanent government will soon supersede the present provisional government of the Confederate States of America, and that Senators to represent this State under said Government must be elected at an early day; and, Whereas, great expense to this State will accrue in recalling this Legislature, now in session, for that purpose, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened.* That the General Assembly go into the election of Senators to the Confederate States of America, as provided for, or hereafter to be provided for, by the Convention of the Southern States now assembled at Montgomery, Alabama, this day at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Which was read.

Mr. McCall moved that the rules be waived to allow the resolution to be read a second time;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McCall and Watlington—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—9.

So the motion was lost.

The resolution was then ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee on the part of the House to request the Senate to return to the House, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for a circulating medium in the State of Florida.

The bill being already in the possession of the House the Senate took no action thereon.

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

The committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bills and resolution as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Georgia and Pensacola Railroad Company and other railroad companies in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the maintainance of the light-houses on the seaboard;

Resolution in relation to land warrants; and

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

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,  
Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. McQueen from the committee on the Militia made the following report:

The committee on the Militia to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to create an efficient military force for the State of Florida, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report:

That the Senate having passed a bill which meets the requirements of this bill, it is the opinion of the committee that this bill should not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,  
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 bill and resolution as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to stevedores at Jacksonville and

Resolution for the relief of A. L. Woodward.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,  
Chairman.

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

Mr. Magbee from the joint Select committee made the following report:

The joint committee of the Senate and House to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes and also a bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium to the citizens of Florida, have held a conference upon the same and being unable to agree, for the sake of having the matter settled, we consented that the former bill be withdrawn and that the latter be amended by inserting 1862 in lieu of 1861, and the same be reported with full liberty to each member of the committee to vote on the same as to him may appear proper and right.

JAS. T. MAGBEE,  
Chairman Senate Com.

T. INGRAM,  
D. C. DAWKINS,  
GEO. W. CALL,  
W. W. McCALL.

B. W. BELLAMY,  
Chairman House Com.

S. B. LOVE,  
A. C. BLOUNT,  
D. H. MAYS,  
JACOB H. POOSER.

Mr. Magbee from the joint committee made the following report:

The joint committee on the part of the Senate and House to whom was referred 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

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That they have had the same under consideration and recommend all after the first section stricken out, and strike out one million and insert five hundred thousand, and ask that the bill do pass with amendments.

JAMES T. MAGBEE,  
Ch'm Senate Committee.

B. W. BELLAMY,  
Ch'm House Committee.

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

Mr. Simkins from the joint Select committee made the following report:

The undersigned members of the joint Select committee of conference to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for providing for carrying the mails beg leave to

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That after a careful examination and consultation they are of opinion that the bill adopted by the Senate fully meets the necessities and requirements of the public interest, and they therefore return the bill with the recommendation that the House amendments do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. SIMKINS, Chairman.  
S. Sr. GEO. ROGERS.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Tallahassee, Feb. 12th, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bill and resolution:

A Senate bill to be entitled act for the relief of Halstead H. Hoeg and assignees; and

A resolution for the relief of Wm. L. Jones.

The following bills have been lost, viz:

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

Senate bill to be entitled an act prescribing the form of an oath of Allegiance; and

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to encourage and facilitate Internal Improvements and regulating partnerships for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,  
Clerk House Rep.

Which was received and read and the bills which had passed the House ordered to be enrolled

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A committee appeared at the bar, and informed the Senate, that the House had refused to concur in Senate amendments to a bill to be entitled an act to allow Thomas Jefferson Filmore Ault to change his name to Thomas Jefferson Filmore Johns, and for other purposes.

On motion, the Senate receded from its amendments, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Chain, Simkins and Abercrombie were appointed to inform the House of the Senate's action thereon.

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

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for stay of executions, with sundry amendments.

The bill was then taken up and upon the question of concurring in House amendments, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Abercrombie;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Jones and Rogers—5.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen Simkins and Watlington—9.

So the amendments were not concurred in.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Brokaw and McQueen were appointed to inform the House of the Senate's refusal to concur therein.

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

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House insists upon its amendments to Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City.

On motion of Mr. Magbee, the Senate concurred in the amendments.

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

On motion, the rules were waived and Mr. Call was allowed without previous notice to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the times for holding the Circuit Courts in the counties of Baker and Nassau;

The bill was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times by its title and the bill put upon its passage;

The vote was:

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

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, McQueen and Brokaw were appointed to convey said bill to the House and inform that body of the passage of the same.

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

A bill to be entitled an act relative to Stevedores at Jacksonville, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Watlington—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

Resolution for the relief of A. L. Woodward;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

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

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts of this State hereinafter named with the power which was possessed by the late District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Finlayson, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nay—Mr. Call—1.

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 certain statements to be made by the several Banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, McQueen and Watlington—8.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain and Simkins—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 attachment laws now in force in this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and McQueen—7.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Finlayson and Watlington—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to create an efficient military force for the State of Florida;

Was read the second time, and on motion was laid on the table.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Auction laws of this State;

On motion the bill was taken up, read the first time, rule waived, and read the second time by its title.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment:

Strike out the proviso, and insert after the word "auction" in the ninth line, the words "or require the employment of an auctioneer;" Which was adopted.

The rules were then waived, and the bill read a third time and put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Ingram, Jones, Rogers and Simkins—9.

Nays—Messrs. McCall and Watlington—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

Senate bill to be entitled an act re-organizing the Military forces in this State, was taken up, House amendments to the bill read, and on motion referred to committee on Militia.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a resolution to go into the election of Senators;

Which was received and the resolution read the first time.

Mr. McCall moved that the rules be waived and the resolution be read the second time;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abererombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McCall and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. McCall moved that the resolution be indefinitely postponed; Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Call;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, McQueen and Rogers—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McCall, Simkins and Watlington—9.

So said motion was lost.

The resolution was then placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. McCall moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow, ten o'clock;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, McCall and Rogers—3.

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

So the motion was lost.

Mr. McCall moved that the Senate adjourn until four o'clock this evening;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—16.

Nays—none.

So the motion was carried, and the Senate adjourned until four o'clock this evening.

#### FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
February 13th 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bills and resolution:  
Senate bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a railroad;  
Senate resolution in relation to military laws;  
Senate bill to be entitled an act to prevent the collection of debts in certain cases from debtors in this State.  
The following have been lost, viz:  
Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases; and  
Senate bill to be entitled an act to reduce the costs of criminal prosecutions.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,  
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read, and the Senate bills which passed the House without amendment, ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
February 11, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the following bills and resolutions, viz:  
Senate bill to be entitled an act for the punishment of those persons who pretend to hold offices in the State not recognized by the laws thereof, and for other purposes;  
Senate resolution for the benefit of the College of St. Augustine;  
House resolution to aid the volunteer companies of the State of Florida; and  
House bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the jurisdiction and establish certain rules of practice of the Courts of Equity in this State.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,  
Clerk House Réps.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.  
February, 13, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has receded from its amendments to the Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for a stay of executions.

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,  
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read.

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

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

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 or Alabama in West Florida; and

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,  
Chairman.

Which was read.

The rules being waived, Mr. McQueen from the committee on the Militia made the following report:

The committee on the Militia to whom was referred the bill entitled an act re-organizing the military forces of this State, with the amendments of the House to the same, have had said bill and House amendments under consideration and have instructed me to

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That in the opinion of the committee, the Senate bill as passed and transmitted to the House, covers fully the necessities of legislation upon this subject in the present emergency. That, having in all its essential parts been reported favorably upon by the joint committee of the Senate and House on the Militia, and having been most maturely considered by the Senate before its passage, its provisions should not lightly nor hastily be interfered with or altered. That the House amendments present no new features of importance, nor do they embody the features of the Senate bill in any new form which should recommend them to the consideration of the Senate.

It is therefore the opinion of the committee that the amendments of the House have been adopted by that body hastily and without due deliberation, and as the Senate bill has provided fully and in

more matured form for all contained in the House amendments, as well as for matters of importance not included in said amendments, the committee would recommend that the Senate do not concur in the House amendments but adhere to the bill as originally passed by this body.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN, Chairman.  
P. B. BROKAW,  
E. C. SIMKINS,  
S. ST. GEO. ROGERS,  
JNO. FINLAYSON.

Which was received and read and bill 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 aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a railroad.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,  
Chairman.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the jurisdiction and establish certain rules of practice of the Courts of Equity in this State;

Was read a first time, rule waived, and the bill read a second and third time and put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington.—11.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw and Magbee.—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the report of the Joint Committee of Conference to whom was referred Senate bill entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes.

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

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed Senate bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and peremptory challenges in criminal cases, with sundry amendments.

The bill was received and placed among the orders of the day.  
The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Tallahassee, February 12, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate :

Sir : I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly ;

Commissioners of Pilotage for St. John's river and bar—Thos. O. Holmes, Samuel Fairbanks, Cyrus Bisbee, Chas. Summers, Hardy H. Philips.

Port Wardens for the Port of Jacksonville—Francis A. Coulter, Michael Hearn, J. Henry Burton, Morris Keil, Wm. H. Hickman, R. H. Watson.

Auctioneer—Geo. C. Acosta.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, Feb. 13, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate :

SIR : I have approved and signed the following bills and resolution :

Resolution for the relief of L. I. Fleming ;

An act to encourage the formation of cavalry and mounted companies in this State for military service.

An act relative to the Common School Fund of the counties of Washington and Holmes ; and

An act to change the name of Catharine A. Joiner.

Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Call the bill to be entitled an act authorizing the issue of bonds by the commonwealth of Florida, was taken up and the report of the joint committee on the part of the Senate adopted.

On motion of Mr. Magbee the preamble was stricken out.

Mr. Chain offered the following amendment :

*Provided*, That no bond shall be issued for a greater amount than borrowed, dollar for dollar.

Which was adopted.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Magbee and Rogers were appointed to inform the House of the Senate's action thereon. The committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported they had performed said duty and were discharged.

On motion the bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State was taken up, the report of the committee to whom was referred House amendments adopted. The Senate refused to concur in the House amendments.

On motion a committee consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Finlayson and Davidson were appointed to inform the House that the Senate refuses to concur to the House amendments.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the report of the Committee of Conference, and that the House occurred in the Senate amendments thereto.

The bill was received and ordered to be enrolled.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had refused to concur in the action of the Senate in regard to a bill to be entitled an act re-organizing the military forces in this State, and that a committee of five had been appointed on the part of the House to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate as a Committee of Conference upon the amendments adopted by the House.

On motion of Mr. Call the Standing Committee on Militia was appointed as said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. McQueen, Chairman of the committee, with two of his associates were then appointed to inform the House of the appointment of said Committee.

Who retired and after a short absence returned and reported they had performed said duty and were discharged.

On motion, the House bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida, was taken up.

Mr. Call moved to strike out the fifth section of the bill ;

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Davidson, Jones and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—7.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Chain moved to amend by inserting after the word "State" third line, fifth section, the words "other than the railroad companies of this State."

Pending the action on which Mr. Call moved that the bill be past over informally;

Which was agreed to.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act asking appropriations for the expenses of the State Government for the fiscal year of 1860 and 1861.

The bill was received and rule waived, read a first, second and third time and put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Call, Davidson, Finlayson and Magbee—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, the Senate took a recess until half-past 7 o'clock, this evening.

#### HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
Tallahassee, February 13, 1861. }

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The following bills have passed the House:

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Commerce at Fernandina;

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

Senate bill to be entitled an act to abolish the office of United States receivers of public monies and registers of public lands (was lost in the House); and

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws (was lost in the House).

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,  
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read and said bills ordered to be enrolled:

Senate bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of preemptory challenges in criminal cases, was taken up and the House amendments concurred in.

On motion a committee of three consisting of Messrs. Call, Finlayson and Baldwin, were appointed to inform the House of the same, after a short absence the committee returned and reported that they had performed their duty and was discharged.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
Tallahassee, Feb. 13, 1861. }

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The following Senate bills have been lost in the House, viz: A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties; and

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

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,  
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read and ordered to be placed on the Journal.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
Tallahassee, Feb. 13, 1861. }

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The following bill and resolution has passed the House, viz: Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain school funds; and

Joint resolution in relation to Edward Powell and Henry Douglas.

Respectfully

A. J. PEELER,  
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read and ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida was taken up;

Mr. Call moved to amend by inserting in the ninth line after the word "one," "two's, three's, five's, ten's and twenty's," and in tenth line strike out "500,000" and insert "250,000:"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call moved to amend the fifth section so as to make it read as follows:

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That from and after the first day of March, A. D. 1861, no person whatsoever, shall issue, circulate, pass or pay out, any bank bill of a less denomination than five dollars, and any person wilfully and knowingly violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to indictment therefore, and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not more than one hundred dollars; and it shall be the duty of the several Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to give this act in charge to the Grand Juries of the several counties of the State;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson and Jones—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—8.

So said amendment was adopted.

Mr. Call moved to strike out of the fourth section all after the word "Act" in the sixth line;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Magbee offered to amend by adding an additional section;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Davidson, Magbee and McQueen—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Simkins and Walker—19.

So said amendment was lost.

Mr. Call moved to waive the rules, and that the bill as amended be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which motion the vote was:

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

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

So the rules were waived and the bill put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Davidson, Magbee and Watlington—6.

So said bill passed.

Mr. Simpkins moved to amend the title of the bill by striking out the word "permanent;"

Which was agreed to.

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

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and reported that the House had passed the Senate bill to be entitled an act in regard to telegraph companies, with amendments, and asked the concurrence of the Senate in said amendments.

Mr. Dawkins moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the Senate do concur in the said amendments;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Dawkins, and Davidson—5.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain, Finlayson, Jones, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So the Senate refused to concur.

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

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed Senate resolution for the relief of A. L. Woodward;

The resolution was received and ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 13, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bill:

A Senate bill to be entitled an act fixing the time of holding the Circuit Court in the counties of Baker and Nassau;

The following bills have been lost in the House, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled an act encouraging the cultivation of tropical fruits;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to declare who are citizens of the State of Florida.

Very Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,

Clerk House Reps.

Which was read, and the bill fixing the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the counties of Baker and Nassau ordered to be enrolled.

On motion the rules were waived and the conference committee on Militia made the following report:

The Joint Committee of Conference on the bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State, have had said bill under consideration and have instructed me to

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That they recommend the adoption of the Senate bill with the following amendments:

In the 8th line of the 1st section of the printed bill, strike out the words "military officer and Justice of the Peace," and insert "Captains and Lieutenants in commission."

In the 6th line of the 2nd section of the printed bill strike out the words "to the Solicitor of the Judicial Circuit" and insert the words "or delivered to the Colonel of the Regiment of which said officer is a member."

And in the 7th line of the same section strike out the words "first day of March" and insert "15th day of April."

In the 3rd section of the printed bill, in the 1st and 2nd lines strike out the words "on the 13th day of March, or" and "thereafter," and in the 7th line substitute "is" for "are."

In the 5th section, 5th line of the printed bill, strike out the word "General" after the word "Adjutant."

In the 6th section, 1st line, strike out the words "Regimental or" and insert after "company" the words "or Regiment."

Strike out section 8, and substitute the following:

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That all officers and privates in the actual service of this State shall receive the same pay as officers and privates of the same rank and arm are paid by the late United States.

In the 9th line, 15th section of the printed bill, after the word "such" insert the words "officer or."

In the 4th line, 16th section of the printed bill, strike out the words "in person."

Strike out the entire 18th section.

In the 19th section, 3rd line of the printed bill, after the word "report" insert the words "and the report is approved by the Commander-in-Chief."

In the 6th line, 31st section of the printed bill, strike out the words "Circuit Court" and insert the words "Courts Martial."

To the 34th section of the printed bill, add "and such fines shall be retained by each volunteer company for its exclusive use."

Respectfully submitted,  
JAS. W. McQUEEN,  
Chairman.

Which was read, and on motion, the report of the committee was adopted by the Senate.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Rogers and Simkins were appointed to inform the House of its action thereon.

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

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, Feb. 13, 1861. }

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Since communicating informally, the telegrams received last night from Montgomery, the additional dispatch has been handed me of a later date. In view of the fact that a permanent government will soon be organized, it is important that provision should be made for the representation of Florida therein, and I submit to the General Assembly the propriety of electing Senators at once without subjecting the State to the expense of an extra session of the Legislature for that purpose.

Very respectfully

M. S. PERRY.

MONTGOMERY, Feb., 13th, 1861.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Jr.:

Dispatch received, permanent constitution be ready in ten days to submit, it is matter for you to decide, elect now or have a called session to do so; an election now, I am advised will be Constitutional.  
JACKSON MORTON.

Which was read.

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Chain allowed to introduce the following resolution:

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened*, That the present General Assembly go into an election of two Senators to the anticipated Congress of the anticipated Southern Confederacy to represent the State in said Congress, on to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock A. M.

Mr. Call offered the following as a substitute:

*Resolved*, In the opinion of the Senate that at this late hour of their session, within fifteen hours of their adjournment, and in advance of the adoption of a Constitution for a Southern Confederation and ratification of the same by the people of Florida, any attempt

on the part of the Senate to elect Senators to a Congress which does not exist, and may not be ratified by the Constitutional Convention of Florida, would be an exercise of power which ought not to be undertaken in the absence of nearly one third of the Senate.

*Resolved further*, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to communicate a copy of the resolution to His Excellency the Governor, in reply to his communication this night received.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—10.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Jones and Watlington—5.

So the substitute was adopted.

The substitute was then put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—10.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Jones and Watlington—5.

So the resolution passed.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the report of Joint Committee of Conference in regard to Senate bill to be entitled an act re-organizing the military forces in this State, and had passed said bill as amended and reported by said Conference Committee.

The bill was received and ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 13, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bill:

Senate bill to be entitled an act relative to stevedores at Jacksonville and Pensacola and for other purposes.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,

Clerk House Reps.

Which was read and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

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

THURSDAY, February 14th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, Feb. 14, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES:

President of the Senate:

SIR: I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly:

*Monroe County.*

Auctioneer.—Geo. W. Furgerson.

*Suwannee County.*

Auctioneer.—Andrew McClelland.

*Washington County.*

Auctioneer.—Carey Taylor.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, and on motion the nominations therein contained advised and consented to.

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

The committee on Enrolled bills beg leave to report the following bills and resolutions as correctly enrolled:

An act providing for a stay of executions;

An act providing for the representation of this State in the Southern Confederacy;

Resolution in relation to Edward Powell and Henry Douglass;

An act to amend the laws of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment;

An act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain school funds;

Resolution in relation to military laws; and

An act giving the State a right of peremptory challenges in criminal cases.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,

Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Which was received and read.

Also the following:

The committee on Enrolled bills beg leave to report the following bills and resolution as correctly enrolled:

An act fixing the time for holding the Courts in the counties of Baker and Nassau;