

thorized to act as a Joint Committee with the similar committee on the part of the House.

On motion the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The following communication was presented by Mr. Call, and read, and ordered to be spread upon the journal :

WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 20, 1860.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Florida :

Gentlemen :—Allow me, through you, to announce to the General Assembly, as the electing body under the Constitution of the United States for Senators in Congress, that upon learning at any time between this and the 4th day of March next, of the determination of Florida to dissolve her union with the Northern States, I shall promptly and joyously return home to support the banner of the State to which my allegiance is owing, and in which my family altar is established.

Respectfully, your serv't,
D. L. YULEE.

Mr. Call moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the House and lay said communication before that body ;

Which was adopted and Messrs. Call, Ingram and Rogers were appointed as said committee.

Mr. Call asked leave to introduce the following bills :

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act requiring the several counties in this State to defray the expenses of Jurors and State Witnesses ;

A bill to be entitled an Act defining the conditions of negroes and other persons of color in this State ;

Which were read first time by their title and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate criminal proceeding ;

Which was read a first time by its title and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

Also, a bill to be entitled an Act making appropriations for the support of Government ;

Which was read a first time by its title, the rule waived and read a second time, and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Dawkins, the Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, November 28, 1860.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The following amendment to yesterday's proceedings was offered and adopted :

"The committee appointed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives of the organization of the Senate, and to act with a similar committee on the part of the House to inform His Excellency the Governor, that the General Assembly is organized and ready to receive communication, returned, and having discharged their duties, was discharged."

R. L. Bruce, Assistant Secretary, and W. R. Coulter, Messenger, were sworn into office by Hon. John Chain.

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

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer ; and,

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road laws of this State.

Mr. Call moved that the Door-keeper and Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to have such fastenings placed on the Senate door as will prevent it from being opened so readily.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McQueen moved that the Committee on Militia be authorized to act as a joint committee with a similar committee on the part of the House ;

Which was adopted.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House would be ready to canvass the votes for Governor at 12 o'clock.

The President appointed Messrs. Chain, Call and Erokaw a committee to inform the House that the Senate would be ready to repair to that body at 12 o'clock, and canvass the votes for Governor.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the Sergeant-at-arms be instructed to procure from the Secretary of State, for each member of the Senate, a copy of the Constitution of the State, Acts and Resolutions of the last General Assembly;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Call allowed to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the Bank of Fernandina to suspend specie payments whenever the other Banks in this State are by law authorized to suspend, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Walker gave notice that he would on some future day introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal so much of the Act approved Feb. 7, 1859, as provides for consolidating the offices of Sheriff and Tax Collector in Wakulla county.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the pilot laws for the Port of Fernandina;

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning replevin;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to permit free persons of African descent to select their own masters and become slaves, approved Jan. 15, 1859; and

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of A. J. Peeler and others.

Mr. Duncan gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Josiah Price.

Mr. Bowers gave notice that he would on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of costs in certain cases, in the Circuit Courts of the Western Circuit of this State, passed at the adjourned session of 1859.

Mr. Baldwin gave notice that he would at some future day, ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter a Railroad from Jacksonville via St. Augustine to Indian River; also,

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter a Railroad from the town of Baldwin to the Georgia State line.

Mr. Rogers gave notice that he would at some future day, ask leave to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the admission of Attorneys; also,

A bill to be entitled an Act requiring Justices of the Peace to give bond; also,

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for taking down of testimony in the Circuit Court, in cases going to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Baldwin, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to suspend the action of Sections 6th and 11th of the General Banking laws of Florida;

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

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Also, resolution for the relief of L. I. Fleming.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Davidson introduced,

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow James R. Green, of Gadsden county, to contract and be contracted with;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Chain read petition of Josiah Q. Guild, and others;

Which was received and referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Chain introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be and they are hereby instructed to ascertain if there be any law of this State to enforce the lien of ship-chandlers, store-keepers, and all dealers, mechanics and workmen on ships, vessels, steamboats or other water-crafts, for all stores, provisions, rigging or other materials, or labor, or service of any kind whatever furnished, or rendered to, or for the use of any such ship or vessel, or steamboat, or other water-craft, and to report, by bill or otherwise;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
November 28, 1860. }

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, viz:

A Resolution to go into the election of Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General and Comptroller, on the 29th inst.

Very respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Call, from Committee on Rules, made the following report :
The Committee to draft Rules for the Government of the Senate beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have agreed upon the rules of the last Senate, with the following amendments, viz :

From the 19th Rule strike out the words, "Sixth, Messages from the House of Representatives" ;

Also, in the 27th Rule insert the word "or" between "nature" and "for" ;

Also, add the following, to be numbered—

Rule 44. To give effect to these rules, the President shall command the Sergeant-at-Arms to take into custody,—and if unable to do so, to summon a posse for that purpose—and confine until the Senate adjourns, any member for disorderly behavior, interruption of the proceedings of the Senate, after being called to order, or for persistent refusal to obey the chair in a legitimate order ; but the member shall be entitled to an appeal to the Senate from the order

GEO. W. CALL, Chairman.

Which report was received and 100 copies of the Rules ordered to be printed.

STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE.

RULE 1. The President shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Senate shall have adjourned ; shall immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the Journal of the preceding day to be read, unless the reading thereof, shall by unanimous consent be dispensed with.

Rule 2. He shall preserve order and decorum ; may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose ; and decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Senate by any two members ; on which appeal, no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Senate.

Rule 3. He shall rise to put the question, but may state it sitting.

Rule 4. No member shall speak to another, or otherwise interrupt the business of the Senate, while the Journals or public papers are being read, or passing between the President and any other member who is addressing the Senate.

Rule 5. Every member, when he speaks, shall address the Chair, standing in his place ; and when he has finished, shall sit down.

Rule 6. No member shall speak more than twice in any one debate on the same subject, without leave of the Senate.

Rule 7. When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the President shall name the person entitled to proceed.

Rule 8. When a member shall be called to order, he shall sit down until the President shall determine whether he is in order or not ; and every question of order shall be decided by the President without debate, but subject to an appeal to the Senate.

Rule 9. If any member shall be called to order for words spoken, the exceptional words shall be immediately taken down in writing, that the President may be better enabled to judge of the matter.

Rule 10. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Senate, without leave of the Senate ; and in case a less number than a quorum shall convene, they are hereby authorized to send the Sergeant-at arms, or any other person or persons by them authorized, for any or all absent members, as the majority of such members shall agree, at the expense of such absent members respectively, unless such excuse for non-attendance shall be made as the Senate, when a quorum is convened, shall judge sufficient.

Rule 11. No motion shall be debated until it be seconded.

Rule 12. When a motion shall be made and seconded, it shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President, or any member, delivered in at the table and read, before the same shall be debated.

Rule 13. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to amend ; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged ; and the motion to adjourn shall always be in order, unless when a member shall be engaged in addressing the Senate, or when the Senate shall be engaged in taking a vote ; and the motions to adjourn and to lie on the table shall be decided without debate.

Rule 14. If the question in debate shall contain several points, any member may have the same divided.

Rule 15. In filling up blanks, the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

Rule 16. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by vote of the Senate without debate.

Rule 17. When the yeas and nays shall be called for by two of the members present, every member within the bar of the Senate, at

the time the question was put by the President, shall, (unless, for special reasons, he be excused by the Senate) declare openly and without debate his assent or dissent to the question. In taking the yeas and nays upon the call of the Senate, the names of the members shall be taken alphabetically.

Rule 18. On a motion made and seconded to shut the doors of the Senate, in the discussion of any business which may, in the opinion of any member, require secrecy, the President shall direct the gallery to be cleared; and during the discussion of such motion, the door shall remain shut; and no motion shall be deemed in order to admit any person or persons whatever.

Rule 19. The following order shall be observed in taking up the business of the Senate, to-wit:—First, Motions; Second, Petitions, Memorials and other papers, addressed either to the Senate, or to the President thereof; Third, Resolutions; Fourth, Reports of Standing Committees; Fifth, Reports of Select Committees; and, Lastly, Orders of the Day.

Rule 20. When a question has been once made and decided, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move the reconsideration thereof; but no motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be in order after a bill, resolution, message, report or amendment, upon which the vote was taken, shall have gone out of the possession of the Senate, announcing its decision; nor shall any motion for reconsideration be in order, unless the same shall be made within the next two days of actual session thereafter.

Rule 21. The President shall have the right to name a member of the Senate to perform the duties of the Chair; but such substitute shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

Rule 22. Before any petition, or memorial, addressed to the Senate, shall be received and read, whether the same be introduced by the President or a member, a brief statement of the contents of the petition or memorial shall verbally be made by the introducer; after which, it may be referred to a Committee.

Rule 23. One day's notice at least shall be given of an intended motion for leave to bring in a bill.

Rule 24. Every bill, resolution of a public nature, or resolution for the appropriation of the public money, shall receive three readings previously to its being passed; and the President shall give notice at each, whether it be the first, second or third, which readings shall be on three different days, unless in cases of emergency, four-fifths of the Senate may deem it expedient to dispense with the rules.

Rule 25. The first reading of a bill or resolution of a public nature, or for the appropriation of the public money, shall be for the information of the Senate, at which reading the introducer shall have the right to state the general principles of the bill or resolution,

as the case may be, and the causes for introducing it; and if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "shall the bill or resolution be rejected?" upon which question there shall be no debate. If no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be negatived, the bill or resolution shall go to a second reading without a question.

Rule 26. No bill or resolution of a public nature, requiring the appropriation of public money, shall be committed or amended until it shall have been twice read, after which it may be committed or amended.

Rule 27. When a bill or resolution of a public nature, or for the appropriation of public money, shall have been read the second time, and before both sides of the question shall have been put to the Senate upon its passage, it shall be in order for any member to move its commitment to a Committee of the whole house—that it lie on the table for its indefinite postponement—for its postponement to a day certain—for its commitment to a Standing Committee—to a Select Committee—or to amend; which motions shall have precedence in the order above stated. After a bill or resolution shall have been amended, it shall again be read as amended for the information of the Senate, before the question shall be put upon its passage.

Rule 28. The final question upon the second reading of every bill or resolution, requiring three readings previously to being passed, shall be, "whether it shall be engrossed and read a third time."

Rule 29. Before a bill or resolution requiring three readings shall be read the third time in the Senate, it shall be carefully engrossed, (without interlineation or erasure,) under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate, and upon this reading of the bill or resolution it shall not be committed or amended without the consent of three-fourths of the Senate.

Rule 30. It shall not be in order to amend the title of a bill or resolution until it shall have passed its second reading.

Rule 31. The title of bills, and such parts thereof only as shall be affected by proposed amendments, shall be inserted in the Journals.

Rule 32. The President of the Senate shall appoint the following Standing Committees, which shall thus be denominated:

1. Committee on the Judiciary.
2. Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.
3. Committee on Corporations.
4. Committee on Schools and Colleges.
5. Committee on Propositions and Greivances.
6. Committee on Internal Improvements.
7. Committee on Elections.
8. Committee on Claims and Accounts.
9. Committee on Engrossed Bills.

10. Committee on Enrolled Bills.
11. Committee on Amendments and revision of the Constitution.
12. Committee on the Executive Department.
13. Committee on the Militia.
14. Committee on Taxation and Revenue.
15. Committee on Federal Relations.
16. Committee on Agriculture.

Rule 33. All confidential communications made by the Governor to the Senate, shall be, by members thereof, kept secret, until the Senate, by their resolution, take off the injunction of secrecy.

Rule 34. All information or remarks touching or concerning the character or qualifications of any person nominated by the Governor to office, shall be kept secret.

Rule 35. When acting on confidential Executive business, the Senate shall be cleared of all persons, except the Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Messenger and Door-Keeper.

Rule 36. The proceedings of the Senate, when not acting in Committee of the Whole, shall be entered on the Journals as concisely as possible, care being taken to detail an accurate and true account of the proceedings.

Rule 37. Messages shall be transmitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary; upon each of which shall previously be endorsed by the Secretary, the final determination of the Senate thereon.

Rule 38. Messengers may be introduced in any stage of the business, except while a question is being put, or while the yeas and nays are being called.

Rule 39. The Governor of the State, former Governors of the State and Territory, Senators and Representatives from this State in the Congress of the United States, State House officers, members of the Representative branch of the General Assembly, and Judges of the Chancery and Circuit Courts of this State, shall be admitted to a seat within the bar of the Senate Chamber and any other person upon the invitation of a member of the Senate.

Rule 40. The Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant-at-Arms, Messenger and Door-keeper, shall be severally sworn by the President, well and faithfully to discharge their respective duties, and to keep secret the proceedings of the Senate, when sitting with closed doors.

Rule 41. No member who was without the bar of the Senate when the question was put by the Chair, shall be permitted to vote on the question then before the Senate, without the unanimous consent of the Senate.

Rule 42. No Rule herein adopted for the Government of the Senate, shall be amended or suspended, without the consent of four-fifths of the Senate, except Rule No. 1, which shall only be suspended by the unanimous consent of the Senate.

Rule 43. That upon the adjournment of the General Assembly, the Secretary of the Senate shall be required to file in the office of the Secretary of State, all papers on file with him relating to unfinished business, all original papers and Journal of the Senate, and that he be required to obtain a certificate from the Secretary of State that such has been done, and file the same with the Treasurer before receiving his compensation.

Rule 44. To give effect to these rules, the President shall command the Sergeant-at-Arms to take into custody—and if unable to do so, to summon a posse for that purpose—and confine until the Senate adjourns, any member for disorderly behavior, interruption of the proceedings of the Senate, after being called to order, or for persistent refusal to obey the Chair in a legitimate order; but the member shall be entitled to an appeal to the Senate from the order of the Chair.

Mr. Call from the Joint Committee on Federal Relations, made the following report:

The Joint Committee on the subject of Federal Relations, to whom was referred so much of the Message of the Governor as relates to Federal affairs, and to whom was also referred the Senate and House bills to provide for the calling of a Convention of the People of the State of Florida, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they cordially endorse and approve of the views and recommendations of his Excellency, incorporated in his Message. Your Committee, therefore, present the annexed bill, to be entitled an Act to provide for calling a Convention of the people of the State of Florida, as to the result of their joint action, with the recommendation that the same do pass.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman of Senate Committee.
D. P. HOLLAND,
Chairman of House Committee.

The Committee appointed to select a Chaplain for the Senate beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have selected the Rev. Dr. DuBose; and the committee respectfully ask to be discharged.

P. B. BROKAW, Chairman.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, November 27, 1860. }

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I submit herewith the reports of the Treasurer and Comptroller, exhibiting the financial condition of the State, together with the reports of the Attorney General, Register and Salesman, and the Treasurer of the Internal Improvement Fund, to which your attention is respectfully invited.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which communication, together with reports, were received, and 1,000 copies ordered to be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for calling a Convention of the People of the State of Florida;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Baldwin moved that the bill be laid on the table;

Which was lost.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until two minutes before 12 o'clock, M.

TWO MINUTES BEFORE TWELVE O'CLOCK, M.

Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

A committee from the House informed the Senate, that the House was now ready to canvass the vote for Governor.

On motion, the Senate adjourned to the Representative Hall, and after some time spent in canvassing the votes, the Senate returned to their Chamber.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

Upon motion, the rule was waived and Mr. McCall allowed without previous notice, to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county;

Which upon motion, was read a first time, the rule waived and read a second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for calling a Convention of the people of the State of Florida;

Was read a second time, and upon motion the Senate went into a Committee of the Whole on the state thereof—Mr. Chain in the Chair, and after some time spent therein, the committee arose, and through their Chairman reported the bill back to the Senate without amendment and recommended its passage.

Mr. Davidson moved that the words "3rd day of January" be stricken out, and the words "17th day of January" be inserted instead thereof;

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Davidson and McCall—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—12.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—19.

Nays—nonc.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

Upon motion, Messrs. Call, Brokaw and Bowers were appointed a special committee to convey said bill to the House.

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

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THURSDAY, November 29, 1860.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.