

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

The rule being waived,

Mr. Abercrombie moved that the President of the Senate be excused after to-day, until Monday next at noon,

Which was adopted.

A bill to incorporate the Apalachicola Channel Company,

Was read a first time, and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The rule being waived,

On motion of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Carter was excused from attendance on the Senate for a few days.

A bill to be entitled an act to sustain the credit of Confederate and State Treasury Notes,

Was read a first time, and the rules being waived, was read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion, 50 copies of the bill were ordered to be printed.

A resolution relative to mail route No. 65,

Was read a first time.

The rule being waived the bill was read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

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

SATURDAY, November 22.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Cooper in the chair.

A quorum present.

Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 12 o'clock Monday.

MONDAY, November 24th, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The journal of Saturday was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

On motion of Mr. Scott, the members present who were not sworn in were required to come forward and be qualified.

Mr. J. L. King, Senator from the 13th District, and Mr. T. T. Russell, Senator from the 17th District, came forward and were sworn in.

The Recording Clerk Mr. Brass, came forward and was sworn in.

A message was received from the Governor.

Mr. Taylor moved that Messrs. Norwood, Holland and King be added to the Select Committee on the Boundary question, and that the Special Message of the Governor, and so much of the Governor's Message as related to the Boundary question, be referred to that Committee,

Which was adopted.

Mr. Taylor moved to go into secret session,

Which was lost.

In pursuance of previous notice, the following bills were introduced, viz :

By Mr. Hogue :

A bill to be entitled an act to create special tribunals for the trial of slaves, free negroes and mulattoes ; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the repayment of moneys withdrawn from the School and Seminary Fund ; also,

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Richard Saunders, sheriff of Leon county.

By Mr. Abercrombie :

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the Courts of Escambia county, and for other purposes,

Which were received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hopkins gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to suspend the collection of taxes in counties held or controlled by the enemy.

The following bills will be introduced on some future day, viz :

By Mr. Carter :

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of David M. Keneda.

By Mr. Norwood :

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 9th section of Ordinance No. 52, entitled an Ordinance for strengthening the Executive Department during the exigencies of the present war, passed by the Convention of this State Jan'y 25th, 1862, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Russell :

A bill to be entitled an act on the subject of our currency, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to previous notice, the following bills were introduced, viz :

By Mr. Norwood :

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 20th section of an act entitled an act to amend and consolidate the several acts of this State in relation to Patrols, approved Dec. 17th, 1861 ; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to re-establish lost or destroyed indictments,

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

A communication from the Register was received and read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hopkins, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances have had under consideration a resolution requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to rescind his order in relation to mail route No. 65, and the undersigned, members of said Committee, return the same, and recommend its passage.

ED. HOPKINS, Ch'n,
JESSE NORWOOD,
JAMES G. COOPER.

The report of Committee was received, and the resolution ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hogue, from the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "an act in relation to the qualification of Judges," report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do not pass.

The Committee recommend the passage of the accompanying substitute for said bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received.

Mr. Abercrombie, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Standing Committee on Engrossed Bills report—

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the removal of slaves and other property from the State, as correctly engrossed.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Chairman.

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

Mr. Hopkins, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following report:

The Committee on Military Affairs have had under consideration the laws in force governing the militia of this State, and ask leave to report the following bill.

EDW. HOPKINS, Chairman.

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

Mr. Hollaud, from a Select Committee, made the following report :

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the Senate resolution in relation to soldiers' families who require aid, and their condition in the city of Apalachicola, beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have examined the subject referred to, that the Committee had before them the late mayor of the city, that members of the Committee stated the condition of such families in the several portions of the State, and your Committee having enquired into the whole subject, not only as relates to Apalachicola, but to the whole State—have thought it advisable to prepare a general bill for the relief of soldiers' families in this State who require assistance.

We hold it to be the imperative duty of the government to take care of the family of the soldier. While he is fighting for his country, that country must not suffer his wife and babes to starve or want—he must be nerved by the knowledge that while he is in service his loved ones are protected and supplied by the government for whom he is ready to lay down his life, and for whom, at any moment, he may have to shed his blood—that our whole people are actuated by those feelings we cannot doubt.

Your Committee had, then, the only question of our ability to solve. This, we are happy to say, we believe, has been accomplished by the annexed bill. We find, by information from the Treasurer, that of the five hundred thousand dollars authorized by the act of Dec., 16th, 1861, to pay the war tax, there has only been issued notes to the amount of \$233,000, leaving notes under this law, unsigned and unissued, of \$267,000. Of this amount there is on hand in blanks \$159,625. In addition to this amount there is now on hand blank notes, authorized under the law of February 14th, 1861, amounting to about \$275,000.

It will be thus seen that the General Assembly have only to authorize the signature of the proper officers to be made to those notes, and order their issue, to furnish the necessary funds to give the relief required.

Your Committee believe that the sum of \$260,000 00 will be a sufficient appropriation by the State, but it is not the intention of the Committee to advise the counties from rendering the aid which the act of 1861 provided, by levying a county tax for the relief of said families. Upon the contrary, we trust they will redouble their exertions under said law, and require the county tax for the relief of soldiers' families to be promptly collected, and thus aid the State. We do not believe the appropriation here recommended by the State will be sufficient without the aid of the counties, but, with their assistance, we believe it will be found sufficient.

We therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. P. HOLLAND, Ch'n.
EDWARD HOPKINS,
JAMES D. CLARY,
JAMES ABERCROMBIE,
JOSEPH M. TAYLOR.

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

Mr. Hopkins introduced a resolution for the relief of R. E. Frier,
Which was placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the removal of slaves
and other property from the State,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, with the following vote :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Russell of St. Johns, Scott, Smith and Taylor—15.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Apalachicola Channel Company;

Was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the bill was referred to Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the terms of the Supreme Court.

Was read the second time.

On motion, the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Resolution relating to mail route No. 65,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of St. Johns and Scott—14.

Nays—Messrs. Smith and Taylor—2.

So the resolution passed.

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

A bill to be entitled an act repealing the militia laws of this State.

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

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the qualifications of Judges, reported from Judiciary Committee,

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the repayment of monies withdrawn from the school and seminary funds,

Was read a first and second time, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Holland to state that the Senator from Escambia county had received a telegraphic dispatch in reference to the illness of his family, and moved that the gentleman be excused from attendance on the Senate for an indefinite time,

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to create special tribunals for the trial of felonies committed by slaves, free negroes and mulattoes,

Was read a first time, and on motion, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of purchasers of school and seminary lands, and for other purposes,

Was read a first time, and on motion, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Nov. 24th, 1862. }

Hon. E. J. VANK,

President of the Senate :

SIR—The House has this day passed the following bills and resolution, viz :

A bill to be entitled an act requiring annual reports from the Board of Internal Improvements,

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the executors of James Abercrombie, sr., to sell property in certain cases.

Resolution to stay the sale and entry of public lands for the present.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was received, and the bills and resolutions ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the Courts of Escambia county, and for other purposes,

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

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Richard Saunders, of Leon county,

Was read a first time.

On motion the rules were waived, and it was read the second and third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Russell, Russell of St. Johns, Scott, Smith and Taylor—15.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—titled as stated.

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

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, p. m.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 20th section of an act entitled an act to amend and consolidate the several acts of this State in relation to Patrols, approved Dec. 17th, 1861,

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

A bill to be entitled an act to re-establish lost or destroyed indictment,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a 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 aid the families of soldiers who require assistance, and for other purposes,

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

Resolution for the relief of R. E. Frier,

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

House resolution to stay the sale and entry of Public Lands for the present,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of St. Johns, Scott, Smith and Taylor—14.

Nays—Mr. Norwood—1.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act requiring annual reports from the Board of Internal Improvement,

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

House bill to be entitled an act authorizing the executors of James Abercrombie, sr., to sell property in certain cases,

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

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Hopkins to make a motion.

Mr. Hopkins moved to strike out the 44th rule,

Which was adopted.

The orders of the day being through with, a motion to go into secret session was lost.

The rule being waived, Mr. Russell gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to repeal Ordinance No. 52, of the Convention of this State.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow.

TUESDAY, November 25th, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected, and approved.

Motions were declared in order.

There being no motions, petitions or memorials, resolutions were declared in order.

Mr. Russel, of St. Johns, presented a resolution of thanks to the Florida troops,

Which was read, and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Smith presented the following :

Resolved, by the Senate, That the injunction of secrecy, so far as relates to the general result of the proceedings of the Senate in secret session on the 21st inst., be removed,

Which was adopted.

Reports of Committees being in order, the Committee on Corporations presented the following :

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Apalachicola Channel Company, beg leave to report :