

The orders of the day being through, on motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, November 26th, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland introduced a bill to be entitled an act in relation to distress for rent,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills on some future day, viz:

By Mr. Smith:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Judges of Probate to appoint deputies.

By Mr. King:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act authorizing Judges of Probate to grant orders for the sale of real estate in cases of Administrators, Executors, &c.; also,

A bill to be entitled an act in regard to Tax Assessors and Collectors.

Mr. Russell, of St. Johns, moved that a committee of three be appointed by the Senate, to act with a similar committee on the part of the House, to examine the accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer,

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Russell of St. Johns, Holland and King appointed said committee.

The committee appointed to notify the House of the appointment of said committee, returned, and reported that they had performed their duty, and were discharged.

Mr. Russell of St. Johns, moved that a committee be appointed to notify the House of the appointment of said committee,

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Russell, of St. Johns, Carter and Hopkins were appointed said committee.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills to-morrow, viz:

By Mr. Arrow:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to citizenship; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Ordinance 53.

By Mr. Holland:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the widow of General Benjamin Hopkins and others.

The committee appointed yesterday to notify the House of the passage of the following joint resolution, returned and reported that they had discharged their duty :

*Resolved by the Senate,* That the Senate and House Committees on Public Land, be a special Joint Committee to consider and report jointly upon all matters placed before their consideration in relation to public lands, and that the House concur in the resolution.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts on the part of the House would act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, and ask their concurrence.

The committee appointed yesterday to request the House to appoint the standing Committee on Finance and Public Accounts to act with a like committee of the Senate as a Joint Committee, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to finances and public accounts, reported that they had performed their duty, and were discharged.

Motions being through with, resolutions were declared in order.

Mr. Holland offered the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to act with a like committee of the House as a Joint and Select Committee, to report, by bill or otherwise, the best means for arming and organizing the Militia; and that the House be requested to appoint a like committee,

Which was adopted.

Mr. Arnow, in pursuance of previous notice, introduced a resolution in relation to salt,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and announced that the House had appointed a committee to act with a similar committee on part of the Senate, to draft rules for the government of both Houses.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland introduced, without further notice, joint resolution in relation to election of certain State officers,

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

The vote was :

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

Nays—Mr. Russell of St. Johns—1.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, a committee was appointed to notify the House of the passage of the above resolution.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Holland, Hogue and Norwood said Committee.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to notify the House that the Select Committee of the Senate, to which was referred the message of the Governor on the subject of the boundary between this State and Georgia, act in conjunction with the Committee of the House of Representatives on the matters therein referred to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Hogue, Scott and Clary said committee.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills ask leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed :

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the qualification of Judges; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to re-establish indictments which have been lost or mislaid.

J. G. COOPER,

Chairman pro tem.

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

The Committee appointed to notify the House of the passage of the resolution in relation to election of State officers reported they had performed their duty and were discharged.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges made the following report :

That they have considered a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the repayment of moneys withdrawn from the School and Seminary Funds. The Committee recommend the passage of the bill.

ARNOW, Chairman,

HOGUE,

SMITH,

SCOTT,

NORWOOD.

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

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following report :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to repeal the twentieth section of an act entitled an act to amend and consolidate the several acts of this State in relation to patrols, approved December 17th, 1861, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to recommend its passage.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

The Committee on the 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 Courts of Escambia county, and other purposes, report,

That they have considered the same and recommended its passage with an additional section herewith submitted.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

A majority of the Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

The undersigned, a majority of the Committee on the Judiciary, have had under consideration a bill to be entitled an act to establish and fix the terms of the Supreme Court, and report a substitute for said bill herewith submitted.

D. P. HOLLAND,  
JESSE NORWOOD,  
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR.

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish and fix the laws of the Supreme Court, as a substitute for the original bill,

Was received and adopted.

The substitute was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

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

Was read a second time.

Mr. Holland moved the adoption of the amendment by the Committee on the Judiciary,

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

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. 17, 1861,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Arnow moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Holland rose to a question of order in reference to the motion of Mr. Arnow.

The President sustained the motion of Mr. Arnow.

Mr. Arnow withdrew his motion to postpone the bill indefinitely. The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A Committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate, and notified the President that the Committee appointed by the House to act with a similar Committee from the Senate in relation to the election of officers, report that the House will be ready to go into the election of certain State officers this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland introduced a joint resolution in relation to rules governing the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Holland moved that a committee be appointed to notify the House of the passage of the above resolution.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Holland, Clary and Norwood said committee.

The committee appointed to notify the House of the passage of the above resolution returned and reported they had performed their duty and were discharged.

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

Was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, the bill was passed over informally for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of David N. Kennedy;

Was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

A bill to be entitled an act to suspend the collection of taxes in counties held or controlled by the enemy.

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

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to distress for rent,

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

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the qualification of Judges,

Was read a third time and placed upon its passage.

The vote was :

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

Nays—None.

So the bill was passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to re-establish indictments which have been lost, destroyed or mislaid.

Was read a third time and placed upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper, Russell, of Jefferson, Russell, of St. Johns, Scott and Smith—12.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Holland, King and Taylor—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
Nov. 25th, 1862. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate—

Sir: The House has this day passed the following bills and resolutions, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Jailors in the several counties of this State.

House bill to be entitled an act to secure the faithful performance of duty by the officers of government.

House bill to be entitled an act to extend the benefits of the writ of *mandamus*, and for other purposes.

House joint resolution to facilitate the procurement of cotton and wool cards by the citizens of this State.

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

Senate resolution of thanks to Florida troops.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk of the House.

Which was received and the House bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day, and the Senate bill and resolution ordered to be enrolled.

Resolution in relation to salt,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time, and referred to Committee on Confederate Relations.

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. Holland to introduce, without further notice, a resolution in relation to adjournment.

The resolution having been put upon its passage was lost.

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

Was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, 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.

House bill to be entitled an act to secure the faithful performance of duty by the officers of Government,

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

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Jailors in the several counties in this State,

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

House joint resolution to facilitate the procurement of cotton and wool cards by the citizens of this State,

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

House bill to be entitled an act to extend the benefiss of writs of *mandamus* and other purposes,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The orders of the day being through with, on motion, the Senate took a recess until quarter of 3 o'clock, P. M.

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#### QUARTER OF 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

The rules were waived to allow Mr. Smith to make the following motion :

Mr. Smith moved that Mr. King be added to the Standing Committees on Elections and on Enrolled Bills, and that Mr. Russell, of St. Johns, be added to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts,

Which was adopted.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Taylor to introduce the following bill without further notice :

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the making and sale of salt within the State of Florida,

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title. Pending the question,

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House was now waiting to receive the Senate and go into an election for Comptroller and Treasurer.

Whereupon the Senate repaired to the hall of the House of Representatives.

Having entered the hall, the President, by invitation of the Speaker, took the chair.

Having stated the object of the joint meeting, the President announced nominations for Comptroller in order.

Mr. Hogue nominated Walter Gwynn.

Mr. Holland nominated Samuel Benezet.

The Joint Assembly proceeded to a ballot.

The vote was :

FOR GWYNN—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Coop-

er, Hogue, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Smith—10. Senate 10. House 29. Total 39.

FOR BENEZET—Messrs. Holland, King and Taylor—3. Senate 3. House 11. Total 14.

FOR BLANK—Messrs. Norwood and Russell of St. Johns—2. Senate 2. House 3. Total 5.

Mr. Gwynn having received the requisite number of votes, the President announced him duly elected Comptroller for the ensuing term.

The Joint Assembly then proceeded to the election of State Treasurer.

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Chas. H. Austin.

The Joint Assembly proceeded to ballot.

The vote was:

FOR AUSTIN—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Hogue, Holland, King, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Scott, Smith and Taylor—12. Senate 12. House 42. Total 54.

FOR BLANK—Messrs. Cooper, Norwood, and Russell of St. John's—3. Senate 3. House 1. Total 4.

Mr. Austin having received the requisite number of votes, the President announced him duly elected State Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the Joint Assembly adjourned.

The object of the meeting having been accomplished, the Senators returned to the Senate Chamber.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

#### THURSDAY, November 27th, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

On motion, Messrs. Hopkins and Hogue were excused from attendance on the Senate for a short time to-day.

Mr. Taylor moved that Mr. Allison be appointed Chairman of the Joint Select Committee on the boundary between Georgia and Florida, and that Mr. Taylor be excused from acting as said Chairman,

Which was adopted.

Mr. Smith, in pursuance of previous notice, presented a bill to be entitled an act to authorize Judges of Probate to appoint deputies,