

A bill to tax the production of cotton.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the rule was waived, and Mr. Frier was excused from attendance on the Senate until Monday morning.

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

SATURDAY, November 29th, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President being absent, Mr. Cooper, from Nassau, was called to the Chair.

A quorum present.

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

Motions were declared in order.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the Hon. E. J. Vann be excused from attendance on the Senate until Monday 12 o'clock,

Which was adopted.

Mr. Norwood, of the majority, moved to reconsider the action of yesterday on the bill to establish and fix the terms of the Supreme Court,

Which was adopted.

Mr. Norwood moved to refer the bill back on its second reading, Which was adopted.

Mr. Norwood moved that the Senator from Gadsden be excused from attendance on the Senate until Monday next,

Which was adopted.

Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to organize the 5th Judicial Circuit,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Arnow gave notice that, on some future day, he will introduce a bill to be entitled an act to encourage stock raising in this State.

Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, presented a joint resolution relative to a petition from citizens of Escambia county,

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

Mr. Arnow offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate, That from and after the passage of this resolution, no member shall be permitted to speak more than fifteen minutes at one time, unless by a consent of two-thirds of the Senate,

Which was adopted.

On motion, the rule being waived, Mr. Holland moved that the

bill to be entitled an act to sustain the credit of Confederate and State Treasury Notes be placed back upon its second reading.

Which was adopted.

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

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill entitled an act to create special tribunals for the trial of slaves, free negroes and mulattoes, have had the same under consideration, and a majority have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, with sundry amendments herewith reported, and to recommend the passage of the bill as amended.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, report the following bill and resolution as correctly enrolled:

An act to amend an act concerning wills, letters testamentary and letters of administration, and the duties of executors, administrators and guardians; also,

Resolution relating to mails.

JOSEPH M. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

Was read the second time.

Mr. Holland offered the following as an amendment:

Amend the bill by inserting after the word "same" in the 8th line of the 1st section, the following: The said creditor may file his affidavit with the Clerk of Circuit Court where the debtor resides, setting forth the fact of said presentment of payment as aforesaid by the debtor, and of his intention to apply to the Circuit Court Judge by petition to be declared insolvent—and said Court shall hear the same upon petition filed by said creditor, and upon the tender of payment being proved, the Court shall declare the creditor to be insolvent, and shall have the proper order made thereon; and the said order of the Court of such insolvency shall forever bar the collection of said debt or demand, but shall not be pleaded to any other debt, demand or obligation, but shall only declare petitioner to be insolvent as regards the particular case before the Court.

Also, to amend the 2d section by inserting after the word "trial" the words "of said petition or".

Mr. Norwood moved that the bill be postponed until next Tuesday.

Which was lost.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, it was carried.

Mr. Russell, of St. Johns, moved to amend by inserting the words "of this State" after the word "individual," in the 3d line of the 1st section,

Which was adopted.

On motion, the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. Russell to introduce, without further notice, the following bill:

A bill to provide for the further issue of Treasury Notes, and for other purposes,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

A bill in relation to distress for rent,

Was read the second time.

On motion, the bill was passed over informally.

A bill to create special tribunals,

Was read the second time.

On motion, the bill was passed over informally.

A bill to authorize Judges of Probate to appoint deputies,

Was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on the

Judiciary.

A bill in relation to citizenship,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on the

Judiciary.

A bill for the repayment of monies withdrawn from the School and Seminary Funds,

Was read the second time, and, on motion, passed over informally.

A bill to amend ordinance No. 53,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time by its title, and, on motion, put back upon its second reading.

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

A bill empowering Judges of Probate to sell real estate in certain cases,

Was read the first time, rule waived, the bill read the second time by its title and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

A bill for the relief of the widow of General Benjamin Hopkins, and others,

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

A bill to repeal an act to organize the 5th Judicial Circuit,

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

A bill to provide for a further issue of Treasury Notes, and for other purposes,

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

A joint resolution in relation to sending the carpets of the capitol for the use of the army,

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—Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of St. Johns, Scott and Taylor—13.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

A bill for the relief of Jailors in certain counties of this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of St. Johns, Scott and Taylor—12.

Nays—none.

So the 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 an act for the relief of Wm. H. Fannin,

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

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Circuit Courts of this State to change the names of persons,

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

House bill to be entitled an act to relieve certain persons from a poll or capitation tax, and for other purposes,

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

House bill to be entitled an act relative to assessing taxes,

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

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the taking of marks and brands of cattle driven from the counties of Sumter, Hillsboro' and Manatee,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title.

Mr. Roper moved to amend said bill by inserting the county of Orange,

Which was adopted, and said bill ordered for a third reading on Monday.

House bill to consolidate the offices of Sheriff, Tax-Assessor and Collector in Hernando county,

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

House bill to repeal an act entitled an act for the removal of obstructions to the navigation of Robinson's Spring Creek,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of St. Johns, and Scott—11.

Nays—Mr. Taylor 1.

So the bill was passed—title as stated.

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

House bill for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning,

Was read a first time, rules waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

House bill to authorize the Judge of the Circuit Court for Duval county to hold its sessions at Baldwin,

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times and placed upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell, of Jefferson, Russell, of St. Johns, Scott, and Taylor—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to consolidate the offices of Sheriff and Tax-Collector and Assessor of Calhoun county,

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—Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Roper, Russell of St. Johns, Scott and Taylor—11.

Nays—Messrs. Norwood and Russell of Jefferson—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to organize the county of Brevard,

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

The orders of the day being through with, on motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock; Monday.

MONDAY, December 1st, 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.

Mr. Holland moved that he be excused from acting on the Committee of Elections,

Which was adopted.

Mr. Russell, of St. Johns, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill in relation to monopolies, extortions and speculations in bread-stuffs and other articles,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, gave notice that, on some future day, he will introduce a bill to be entitled an act for the purpose of establishing salt works in this State for the benefit of the poor.

Mr. Arnow gave notice that, on some future day, he would introduce a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the removal of leather, &c., from the limits of the State; also,

A bill to be entitled an act for the prevention of engrossment and extortion.

Resolutions were declared in order.

Mr. Arnow presented a joint resolution relating to the illegal sales of Public Lands in the Suwannee Circuit,

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

Mr. Holland presented a joint resolution in relation to Public Lands in West Florida,

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

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

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the widow of Gen. Benjamin Hopkins and others, after diligent examination of the subject, ask leave to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES G. COOPER, Chairman.

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

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