

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:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom were referred the following House bills, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to secure the faithful performance of duty by the officers of government; also,

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

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that said bills do not pass.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

Also the following:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to be entitled an act to regulate the making and sale of salt within the State of Florida, have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that the Legislature has not power to regulate the manufacture and sale of salt in the manner proposed by said bill. They therefore recommend that it do not pass.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

Also, the following:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an act in relation to citizenship, have considered the same, and recommend its passage.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

Also the following:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the House bill entitled an act for the relief of John P. Duval, have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that the claim is a legal one against the State. They therefore recommend the passage of the bill.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

Also the following:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to be entitled an act to repeal an ordinance adopted in open Convention, January 25th, 1862, entitled an ordinance for strengthening the Executive Department during the exigencies of the war,

REPORT:

That the preamble to said bill be stricken out, and that the bill be amended by adding the following section:

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the words "unless called together in the manner provided by the ordinance creating the Executive Council," in Resolution No. 57, passed by said Convention,

January 27th, 1862, be and the same are hereby stricken out of said resolution, and that the bill thus amended do pass.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

Which was read and the bill with amendments ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland, from a Joint Select Committee of both Houses, made the following report :

The undersigned Joint and Select Committee appointed by both Houses, to whom was referred several bills in relation to the support of soldiers' families requiring assistance, have had the various matters referred to them under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT,

That they have carefully examined the whole subject and arrived at the following conclusions :

1st. That it is the duty of the Government to support the soldier disabled by wounds or sickness while in her service, and the family of such soldier, or of him who may have been killed in battle, has died in service, or is now in said service, until the Confederate States Government shall make due provision for the same.

2d. That it is inexpedient to raise the funds necessary for this object by taxation, on account of the condition of the country and delay.

3d. That we find that there are sufficient number of blank treasury notes now on hand, by authorizing the same to be signed and issued the State will be put in possession of the necessary funds to give the relief required.

4th. That the issue of said notes will not impair the value of those heretofore issued, inasmuch as the public domain, upon which they are based, is, in our judgment, fully capable of retiring a much larger amount.

They therefore recommend that all bills before both Houses relating to said subject be informally passed over, and that the bill herewith presented, which contains the result of the joint action of this Committee, be first taken up and disposed of. The Committee have in said bill incorporated relief for the various details growing out of the subject. They therefore recommend the passage of the same.

D. P. HOLLAND,
Chairman Senate Committee.
JOSEPH M. TAYLOR,
JAMES D. CLARY,
EDWARD HOPKINS,
B. F. ALLEN,
Chairman House Committee.
O. M. AVERY,
J. A. LEE,
J. JOHN WILLIAMS.

Which was read and, on motion, the rule was waived and the bill ordered to be placed first among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to aid the families of soldiers requiring assistance,
Was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the adoption of the bill, Mr. Holland in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and reported progress and ordered 80 copies of said bill to be printed.

The President stated that he had received a message from his Excellency the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, the Senate went into secret session.

The business of the secret session having been concluded, the Senate resumed its open session.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, to present the following bill :

A bill to provide salt for the citizens of Florida,

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

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Taylor to introduce the following bill :

A bill to provide for a digest of the laws of this State passed since the year 1847,

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

A bill in relation to distress for rent,

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

A bill to repeal an ordinance adopted in open Convention Jan'y 25th, 1862, entitled an ordinance for strengthening the Executive Department during the exigencies of the present war, with amendments,

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

On motion of Mr. Russell, of St. Johns, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

A bill for the relief of purchasers of School and Seminary Lands, and for other purposes,

Was read a third time and placed upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clay, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of St. Johns, Scott, Smith and Taylor—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clay, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of St. Johns, Scott, Smith and Taylor—16.

Nays—none.

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,
Dec. 1st, 1862.

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate—

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

House bill to be entitled an act to change the times of holding the Spring Terms of the Circuit Courts for the counties of Walton, Holmes and Washington ; also,

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of J. J. Ward, Sheriff of Lafayette county ; also,

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to prevent citizens of other States from fishing in Lakes Iamonia and Miccosukie, passed 9th December, 1858.

The House has also refused to pass the Senate bill to be entitled

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

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk of the House.

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

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the widow of Gen. Benj. Hopkins and others,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time 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 St. Johns, Scott and Taylor—13.

Nay—Mr. Russell of Jefferson—1.

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 special tribunals for the trials of felonies committed by slaves, free negroes and mulattoes, with amendments,

Was read the second time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to citizenship,

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

A bill to be entitled an act empowering Judges of Probate to grant power to Executors and Administrators to sell real estate in certain cases,

Was read the third time.

Mr. Norwood moved to postpone said bill until to-morrow,

Which was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Hopkins, King, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Smith and Taylor—10.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Norwood, Russell of St. Johns and Scott—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, December 1st, 1862.

TO THE HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I have approved and signed the following bill:

An act for the relief of Richard Saunders, Sheriff of Leon county.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.

A bill to regulate the making and sale of salt within the State of Florida,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to establish and fix the terms of the Supreme Court,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Norwood moved the following amendment:

Mr. Norwood moved to amend said bill by striking out the "2nd term and the time of holding the same" whenever it occurs in the first section. And strike out all after the word "provided," in the first section, and insert "*Provided, however,* That all decisions, decrees, orders and opinions, shall be delivered in the Circuit where the cause is heard, and no cause shall be transferred out of its Circuit."

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland moved to amend by striking out the words first term wherever it occurs in the 1st section,

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hopkins moved to postpone the bill indefinitely,

Which was lost.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a further issue of treasury notes, and for other purposes,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Russell, of St. Johns, moved that the Senate go into Committee of the Whole on the above bill,

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hogue in the chair.

Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, moved to amend by striking out the word "one," in the eighth line, and insert "twenty-five cents,"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland moved to amend by striking out the words "one hundred," and insert one thousand; also,

Amend the second section by striking out the word over, in the 6th line, and insert the word of, and add after the word "dollar," in said line, "or of any fractional part of a dollar,"

Which was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the bill, with amendments by the Committee, it was adopted.

On motion, the Committee rose and reported the bill back to the Senate as amended.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Holland, Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, was allowed to withdraw a bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to organize the 5th Judicial Circuit.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent, during the existing war, monopolies, extortions and speculations in breadstuffs and other articles of general use and consumption, and to make such acts criminal, and to provide penalties for the same.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide salt for the citizens of Florida;

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a digest of the laws of this State passed since the year 1847,

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

Resolution relating to the illegal sales of public lands in the Suwannee Circuit,

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

A resolution in relation to Public Lands in West Florida.

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

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Wm. H. Fannin, Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

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

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a 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, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Scott, Smith and Taylor—15.

Nay—Mr. Russell of St. Johns—1.

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 relieve certain persons from a poll or capitation tax, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Holland moved to strike out "500" in the second section and insert "1000,"

Which was adopted.

Said bill was then ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

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

Was read the second time.

Mr. Norwood moved to postpone the bill indefinitely,

Which was lost.

Said bill was then ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to consolidate the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector for Hernando county,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Taylor moved to amend by adding :

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after the time when the terms of office of the present Sheriff and Tax Collector of Hernando county shall terminate by operation of law,

Which was adopted.

Said bill was then ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

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

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

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

Was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Norwood, was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the same 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 second time, and, on motion of Mr. Holland, was indefinitely postponed.

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

TUESDAY, December 2d, 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 announced motions in order.