

a Committee of five from the House and three from the Senate be appointed to attend the funeral services of Hon. A. Campbell, of Liberty,

Which were, on motion of Mr. Holland, received, read and concurred in.

Mr. Holland moved a Committee be appointed to notify the House of the concurrence in the above resolution.

The Chair appointed as said Committee Messrs. Holland, Russell, of Jefferson, and Clary.

The Committee returned and reported they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged.

The Chair appointed as the Committee required by the resolution of the House, Messrs. Holland, Russell, of Jefferson, and Carter.

The President declared the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 3d, 1862.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

Mr. Cooper moved that the House of Representatives be informed that the Committee on Taxation and Revenue of the Senate is appointed a Joint Committee to act with the Committee of the House on the same subject,

Which was adopted.

The President appointed as said committee Messrs. Cooper, Russell, of St. Johns, and King.

The Committee retired to the House and returned and reported they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged.

Mr. Holland moved that the bill to be entitled an act in relation to establishing a tax on cotton be withdrawn from the Committee on Corporations and placed among the orders of the day,

Which was adopted.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the fraudulent use of the bonds issued by the Florida Railroad Company,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Norwood moved to correct the journal of yesterday by in-

serting after the words "Select Committee," "or to the Committee on Elections,"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland moved that the bills in relation to aid to soldiers be placed first among the orders of the day, and the bill reported by the select committee be first taken up,

Which was adopted.

A communication was read by the President in relation to the contested seat of the Senator from the 5th District.

On motion, it was read and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Hopkins presented the following resolution :

A resolution repealing Ordinance No. 60 of the Convention,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

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

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

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

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a further issue of Treasury Notes, and for other purposes ; also,

A 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 present war.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES G. COOPER, Chairman.

Which was read and the said bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Russell, from the Joint Committee on Finance, made the following report :

The Joint Committee of both Houses on Finance and Public Accounts beg leave to report that the Committee, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, did, in the presence of the Treasurer and Register, and with their assistance, compare the numbers of the retired treasury notes of the State of Florida, and, after counting the same and performing all the duties required of them by said ordinance, did, in the presence of said officers, burn and destroy by fire treasury notes of the State of Florida amounting to the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred and twenty-two dollars, (\$13,622). That the description of the said notes are in the record in the hands of the Register.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES S. RUSSELL,
Chairman Senate Committee.
JOSEPH PRICE,
Chairman House Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Arnow, from the Committee on Schools and Colleges, made the following report:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning, approved Jan'y 24th, 1851, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report, that they recommend that said bill do pass.

J. M. ARNOW, Chairman.

D. P. HOGUE,

J. B. SMITH,

J. SCOTT,

JESSE NORWOOD.

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

Mr. Russell, from the Committee on Elections, made the following report:

The Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the petition of Luke Lott, Esq., who contests the seat of the Hon. D. P. Holland, of the 5th Senatorial District, had the same under advisement. They find that Luke Lott received forty-two (42) votes, Samuel Benzet received eighty-five (85) votes, and that D. P. Holland received one hundred and fifty-five (155) votes, respectively for the office of Senator from said District. Why Luke Lott, instead of Samuel Benzet, should be the contestant here may elicit surprise, nor can the Committee give the Senate any reasonable explanation, thereof. The question raised by Luke Lott was raised during the canvass, and the citizens of the District, who are mostly interested in its decision, by a large majority decided that the Hon. D. P. Holland should be their Senator. Nor has any testimony been brought before us to induce us to believe that his fellow-citizens of the fifth District were wrong in their judgment. The fact that the Hon. P. Holland was a member from Franklin in the House of Representatives up to the 1st Monday of October, A. D. 1862, and that he was not absent from said District, except when in the military service of the country, or when representing his fellow-citizens in this Capitol, would well excuse them for believing that the Hon. D. P. Holland was properly qualified to represent them in this body. Therefore the Committee beg leave to report the following resolution and ask its adoption:

Be it resolved, That the Hon. D. P. Holland is entitled to a seat in this Senate.

JAMES S. RUSSELL, Ch'n.

Which was read.

Mr. Norwood moved that Messrs. Holland and Lott, contestants for the seat from the 5th District, and their counsel be heard before the Senate,

Which was adopted.

Judge A. L. Woodward, counsel for Mr. Lott, asked for a postponement of the case to Saturday next, on account of indisposition, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Taylor moved the reconsideration of the above action of the Senate,

Which was lost.

Mr. Taylor moved the passage of the resolution as reported by the Committee on Elections,

Which was adopted.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 2, 1862. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate—

SIR: The House has this day passed the following bill and joint resolution, viz :

House bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Commissioners' Courts of Washington, Holmes and Walton counties; also,

Senate joint resolution in relation to sending the carpets at the Capitol for use of the troops, with the following amendment:

Add at the end of the last line, after the word "service," the words "from this State." The title also amended by adding after the word "troops," the words "from this State."

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

On motion of Mr. Hogue, the House amendment to said resolution was concurred in, and the resolution ordered to be enrolled.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland introduced the following :

Mr. Holland begs leave to refer the Senate to a letter that he has in his possession, affecting the rights of this Senate and the seats of its members, and moves that the same be referred to a select committee, to report thereon by resolution or otherwise,

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Holland, Hopkins, Taylor, Russell of St. Johns and Hogue, appointed said committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to aid the families of soldiers requiring assistance,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Holland moved that the Senate go into a Committee of the Whole on said bill,

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Holland in the Chair.

After some time being spent therein, the Committee rose and reported the bill back to the Senate with amendments, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion of Mr. Russell, of St. Johns, 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 unfinished business of this morning was resumed.

The question being on the adoption of the report and amendments of the Committee of the Whole,

On motion of Mr. Holland, the amendments proposed by the Committee were not concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide the necessary salt, food and clothing for the families of those brought into service in this State by volunteering, draft, or conscription,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Holland moved to pass the bill over informally,

Which was adopted.

The following communication from his Excellency the Governor was received and read :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 2d, 1862. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

SIR : I have approved and signed the following bill and resolution :

An act to amend an act concerning Wills, Letters Testamentary and Letters of Administration, and the duties of Executors, Administrators and Guardians.

Resolution relating to mails.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 3, 1862. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

Sir—The House has this day passed the following Senate bill, viz:

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

Very respectfully,

THOMAS B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 3d, 1862. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

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

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the county officers of Calhoun county;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of troops called into or remaining in the service of the State after the 10th day of March, 1862;

A bill to be entitled an act to re-establish the records of Calhoun county;

A bill to be entitled an act to consolidate the offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Judge of Probate in and for Manatee county;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws of this State as regards the manner of voting, and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to certain certificates issued in payment of military services;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of certain certificates issued by the State for military services;

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit Sheriffs and Clerks of the Circuit Courts of this State appointing and having deputies during the existence of the present war; also;

Resolution in relation to the adjournment of this session of the General Assembly.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House of Reps.

Which was read, and the bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to tax cotton for the relief of soldiers' families,

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

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to monopolies, extortions and speculations in breadstuffs,

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, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Roper, Russell of St. Johns and Smith—12.

Nays—Messrs. Norwood and Taylor—2.

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 provide salt for the citizens of Florida,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Russell, of St. Johns, offered the following amendment :

Be it further enacted, That each agent appointed by the Governor to superintend the several salt works, be required to enter into bond with good and sufficient securities in double the amount with which they are severally entrusted, for the faithful performance of the duties assigned by this act,

Which was adopted.

On motion, of Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third 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 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, Hogue, Holland, Roper and Taylor—6.

Nays—Messrs. Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of St. Johns and Smith—9.

So the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the fraudulent use of the bonds of the Florida Railroad Company,

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

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the removal of leather, &c., from this State.

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

A resolution relating to the illegal sale of lands in the Suwannee Circuit,

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

A resolution relating to Public Lands in West Florida,
Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a
third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent engrossment and extortion,
Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-
morrow.

A resolution repealing Ordinance No. 60,
Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third
times by its title.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the rule was waived and the resolution
put back upon its second reading.

On motion, the resolution was passed over informally.

On motion of Mr. Hogue, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock
to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, December 4th, 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.

Mr. Cooper, according to previous notice, introduced the follow-
ing bill:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to personal property and stock
killed or injured by any Railroad in this State,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the fol-
lowing report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills report the following resolution
as correctly enrolled, viz:

Resolution in relation to sending the carpets at the Capitol for
the use of the troops from this State.

JOSEPH M. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Arnow, from the Joint Committee on Public Lands, made the
following report:

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands, to whom were
referred several bills relating thereto, have had them under consid-
eration and beg leave to

REPORT:

That they recommend that said bills of both Houses, relating to