

FRIDAY, December 5th, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment:

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, report the following bills and resolutions as correctly engrossed, viz :

An act to tax cotton for the relief of soldiers' families ;

An act to provide salt for the citizens of Florida ;

An act to sustain the credit of Confederate and State Treasury Notes ;

Resolution relating to the illegal sale of Public Lands in the Suwannee Circuit ; also,

Resolution in relation to Public Lands in West Florida.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES G. COOPER, Chairman.

Which was read.

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

The undersigned, from the Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands, have had under consideration a bill to be entitled an act in relation to the issue of patents to lands entered in this State prior to the date of the secession of the State of Florida, and upon examination find the requisitions of the bill provided for in the 17th section of Ordinance 33 ; we therefore recommend that the bill do not pass.

We have also considered a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of settlers under the act of Congress for the armed occupation of a part of Florida, and recommend that said bill do pass.

We have also considered a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of purchasers of School and Seminary Lands, and for other purposes, and recommend the passage of the same.

J. M. ARNOW, Ch'n Senate Com.

N. T. SCOTT, Ch'n House Com.

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

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 felonies con-

mitted by slaves, free negroes and mulattoes, report the bill and amendments back to the Senate and the undersigned recommend its passage.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

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

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the salary of the State Treasurer,
Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the entry of lands occupied by soldiers or their families during the continuance of the present war, and to regulate the entry and sale of Public Lands,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Russell, of 17th District, moved to amend the 7th section by striking out Ocala, and insert "Orange Springs during the war, and after the war Palatka."

Which was adopted.

Mr. Taylor moved to strike out all after the word "entry" in the second section and insert "at the rate of one dollar per acre,"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland moved to amend by inserting in the last line after the word "acre," "except hammock lands, which shall be at two dollars per acre,"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Clary moved to amend the 5th section by inserting after the word "secession" in the third line, "or warrants issued to citizens of the State after secession,"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland moved to fill up the blank in the 8th section with the word "two,"

Which was adopted.

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

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Smith to present the following bill :

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

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

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to personal property or stock killed or injured by any railroad in this State,

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, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, 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 be entitled an act to create special tribunals for the trial of felonies committed by slaves, free negroes and mulattoes, with amendments,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Norwood, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a substitute for the above bill,

Which was read.

The question being upon the adoption of the substitute, it was lost.

The amendments to the above bill were adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Dec. 4th, 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 to repeal ordinance fifty-two (52) of the Convention of the State of Florida, entitled an Ordinance for strengthening the Executive Department during the exigencies of the present war, and Ordinance number fifty-eight (58) of said Convention providing the mode of filling vacancies in the Executive Council ;

Senate bill to be entitled an act in relation to the Courts of Escambia county, and for other purposes, with amendments ;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to suspend the collection of taxes in counties held or controlled by the enemy, with amendment ;

House resolution in relation to the adjournment of this session of the General Assembly ; and,

House resolution to defray the burial expenses of Hon. A. Campbell, deceased.

The House has also refused to pass Senate bill to be entitled an act to suspend 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,

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk of the House.

Which was read, and the House bills and resolutions placed among the orders of the day, and the amendments to the Senate bills concurred in, and said bills ordered to be enrolled.

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Carter, Clary, Cooper, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Hogue, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper and Scott—7.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

Mr. Holland moved that a Committee be appointed to convey the above bill to the House of Representatives,

Which was adopted.

The Chair appointed as said Committee Messrs. Holland, Smith and King.

The committee retired, and returned and reported they had performed their duty and were discharged.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Roper to move to reconsider the vote taken by the Senate on a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the further issue of Treasury Notes,

Which was adopted.

The following message, from the Governor, was received:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 5th, 1862. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have approved and signed the following bill and resolution, viz:

An act in relation to the qualification of Judges.

Joint resolution in relation to sending the carpets at the capitol for use of the troops from this State.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, December 5th, 1862. }

TO THE HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—I respectfully recommend the following nomination for the advice and consent of the General Assembly, viz:

Gregory Yniestra, Auctioneer for the county of Escambia.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.
The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 5th, 1862. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

SIR—The House has this day passed the following bill, with enclosed amendment, viz :

Senate bill to be entitled an act to aid the families of soldiers requiring assistance.

Respectfully,

THOMAS B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the House amendments to the Senate bill were concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a further issue of Treasury Notes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Carter, Cooper, Holland, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor.—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood and Scott—8.

So the bill was lost.

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Carter, Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper and Smith—8.

So the bill was lost.

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Smith—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Carter, Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper and Taylor—8.

So the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the salary of the State Treasurer,
Was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to dower,
Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Resolution repealing Ordinance No. 60,

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

Resolution relating to Public Lands in West Florida,

Was read the third time 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, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—16.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives

Mr. Holland moved that a committee be appointed to convey the above resolution to the House of Representatives,

Which was adopted.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen as said Committee: Messrs. Holland, Clary and Taylor.

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

Resolution relating to the illegal sales of public lands in the Swanee circuit,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—14.

Nays—None.

Mr. Smith was excused from voting.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House bill for the relief of John P. DuVal,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—13.

Nays—Messrs. Carter, Clary and Cooper—3.

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 to provide for the taking of marks.

and brands of cattle shipped or driven from the counties of Sumter, Hillsboro' and Manatee,

Was read the third time 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, Russell of 17th District, 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.

House 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,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—15.

Nays—None.

Mr. Smith was excused from voting.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Holland to move that the joint resolution to facilitate the procurement of cotton and wool cards by the citizens of this State, which was referred to the Select and Joint Committee, be taken from the hands of said committee, and placed among the orders of the day,

Which was adopted.

Said resolution was read a second time.

Mr. Holland presented an amendment to said resolution,

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the rule was waived and the resolution read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Smith—14.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow and Taylor—2.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

The rule being waived, Mr. Russell of Jefferson moved that the House resolution on the subject of adjournment be placed first among the orders of the day,

Which was adopted.

The resolution was taken up and read.

Mr. Holland moved to postpone the consideration of the above resolution until Tuesday evening next,

Pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. Taylor, 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.

The question being upon the motion of Mr. Holland to postpone the consideration, until 3 o'clock Tuesday evening next, of the House resolution relative to the adjournment of the General Assembly,

The motion was adopted.

The rule being waived, Mr. Russell, of the 17th District, moved that the nomination by his Excellency the Governor, as presented in his message to the Senate this morning, of Mr. Gregory Yniestra, as Auctioneer for Escambia county, be confirmed,

Which was adopted:

The Secretary was ordered to notify his Excellency the Governor, of the confirmation of said nomination.

House bill to be entitled an act to consolidate the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Judge of Probate for Manatee county,

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, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—14.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—titled as stated:

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

House bill to be entitled an act in relation to the officers of the County of Calhoun.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to prohibit Sheriffs and Clerks of the Circuit Courts of this State from appointing and having Deputies during the existence of the present war,

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

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of certain certificates issued by the State for military purposes,

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, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Scott, Smith and Taylor—12.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District—3.

Mr. Holland was excused from voting.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The rule being waived, Mr. Russell, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report :

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to prevent the fraudulent use of the Bonds issued by the Florida Railroad Company, have had the same under consideration, together with the amendments thereto, and recommend its passage.

JAMES S. RUSSELL, Ch'n.

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

House bill to be entitled an act in relation to certain certificates issued in payment of military services,

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, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—13.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper 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 amend the election laws of this State,

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, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—14.

Nays—Messrs. Carter and Holland—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

Which was agreed to

Also, that the Sergeant-at-Arms be excused from further attendance on the Senate until Monday, 12 o'clock,

Which was adopted.

The rule being waived, Mr. Hopkins moved that a committee be appointed to request the House to return the bill relating to the assessment of taxes,

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Hopkins, Arnow and Carter appointed said Committee.

The committee retired to the House and returned and reported they had performed their duty, and were discharged.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, report the following bill as correctly engrossed, viz:

An act to establish and fix the Terms of the Supreme Court.

JAMES G. COOPER, Ch'n.

Which was read.

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,

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

House bill to be entitled an act to repeal Ordinance No. 52 of the Convention of Florida for strengthening the Executive Department during the present war, and Ordinance No. 58 providing the mode of filling vacancies in the Executive Council,

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

Mr. Russell offered an amendment,

Which was adopted.

The bill was then read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Carter, Clary, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Smith—13.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Cooper and Taylor—3.

Mr. Holland moved an amendment to the title,

Which was adopted.

So the bill passed—title as amended.

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

House resolution to defray the burial expenses of Hon. A. Campbell, deceased,

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, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—16.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to prevent the fraudulent use of the bonds of the Florida Railroad Company,

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

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES }
December 5th, 1862. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate—

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

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indians; and,

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of settlers under the acts of Congress for the armed occupation of a part of Florida.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and returned the bill in relation to the assessment of taxes, as requested by the Senate.

A bill to establish the terms of the Supreme Court,

Was read a third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Smith and Taylor—13.

Nays—Messrs. Hogue, Russell of 17th District and Scott—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

Mr. Holland moved that a committee be appointed to carry said bill to the House of Representatives,

Which was adopted.

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

The committee retired to the House and returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the bill relating to the assessment of taxes was placed among the orders of the day and taken up,

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Cooper, Hopkins, Roper, Russel of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—10.

Nays—Messrs. Clary, Hogue, Holland, King, Norwood and Russell of Jefferson—6.

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 for the relief of settlers under the act of Congress for the armed occupation of a part of Florida,

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. Scott—1.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—15.

So the bill was lost.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indians,

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

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

SATURDAY, December 6th, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President announced motions in order.

Mr. Arnow moved that a committee of three be appointed to request the House to return the bill for the relief of settlers under the acts of Congress for the armed occupation of a part of Florida,

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Arnow, Scott and Norwood appointed said committee.

The committee retired and returned and reported they had performed their duty and were discharged.