

THURSDAY, December 11th, 1862.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

Mr. Smith, without further notice, presented the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the establishment of distilleries, and the distilling of whiskey and other spirituous liquors in this State,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland, without further notice, presented the following resolutions:

Joint resolution relative to copies of acts to be distributed among the soldiers; also,

Resolution relative to vessels leaving or entering the ports of the State of Florida; also,

Joint resolution for organizing the salt-makers of this and other States, for their own and the public defence,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Taylor moved that a Committee be appointed to request the House to return the bill to be entitled an act relative to the public lands of Clay county.

The Chair appointed as said Committee, Messrs. Taylor, Norwood and Clary.

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

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 Henry A. Gray, after having the same under consideration, return the bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES G. COOPER, Chairman.

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

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:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the trial of persons in this State during the existing war.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES G. COOPER, Chairman.

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

Mr. Hopkins, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report:

The Committee of Conference of both Houses, to whom was referred House resolution, with amendments, relative to adjournment, report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the General Assembly do adjourn sine die on Monday next, the 15th inst., at 12 p. m.

EDWARD HOPKINS,

Chairman Senate Committee.

O. M. AVERY,

Chairman House Committee.

Which was read, and the resolution adopted.

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

Mr. Russell, from the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts, made the following report:

The Committee on Finance and Public Accounts, to which was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide for an additional issue of treasury notes, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to

REPORT,

That the said bill ought to pass with the following amendments: Insert after the word "dollars," in the 10th line, the words, and before the word "in" the following: "fifty thousand of which shall be issued in fractional parts of a dollar, and the balance." Insert after the word "hundreds" and before the word "for" the following: "in the following proportions, to wit: thirty thousand in ones, thirty thousand in twos, thirty thousand in threes, thirty thousand in fives, thirty thousand in tens, twenty-five thousand in twenties, twenty-five thousand in fifties and fifty thousand dollars in hundreds."

Also add the following sections:

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be unlawful for any individual or corporation in this State, unless expressly authorized by law so to do, to issue or put in circulation notes or change bills of the denomination of one dollar, or any fractional part of a dollar, or any certificate of deposit or other paper intended to pass as money or currency which are now unauthorized by law; and any person or corporation offending against the provisions of this act shall be liable indictment for the same, and, on conviction, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding five thou-*

and dollars, at the discretion of the jury, and any banking or other corporation offending against the same shall be subject to a forfeiture of its charter.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That from and after ninety days after the approval of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person to circulate or pay out any change bill or bills, note or notes, certificate or certificates of deposit the issue of which is prohibited by the second section of this act, and any person violating this provision of law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, at the discretion of the jury.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. RUSSELL, Ch'n.

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

The following communication from the House of Representatives was received :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 11th, 1862.

HON. E. J. VANN—

President Senate :

SIR : The House has appointed a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Price of Columbia, Avery and Hampton, to act with the Committee on the part of the Senate, as a Joint Committee, to draft a general appropriation bill.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk of the House.

Which was read.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 11th, 1862.

HON. E. J. VANN—

President Senate :

SIR : The House has appointed Messrs. Avery, Allen, Jones, Craft and Jenkins, a committee to act with the committee on the part of the Senate, as a Committee of Conference, in relation to the adjournment of the General Assembly.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read.

Mr. Allison presented without previous notice a resolution in relation to the completion of the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad to the Apalachicola river,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the trial of persons in this State during the existing war,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, King, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—14.

Nays—Messrs. Hopkins and Norwood—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 prevent the establishment of distilleries and distilling of whiskey and other spirituous liquors in this State,

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

Resolution relative to compensation of Messrs. Papy and Banks,

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. Allison, Arnow, 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.

Resolution relative to Railroad iron,

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

The vote was :

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

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Clary, Hogue, Holland, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson and Smith—8.

So the resolution was lost.

Resolution relating to vessels leaving or entering the ports of the State of Florida,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Holland, Russell of Jefferson and Norwood.

Resolution for organizing the salt makers of this and other States for their own and the public defence,

Was read a 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, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott, Smith and Taylor—10.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Clary, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper and Russell of 17th District—6.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, Messrs. Russell of Jefferson, Hopkins and Taylor were appointed a Joint Committee to act with a similar committee on the part of the House in reference to the bill appropriating \$30,000 for the sick and wounded soldiers from this State in the several hospitals; and to inform the House that the Senate had passed joint resolution for organizing the salt makers of this and other States for their own and the public defence.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported that they had returned the resolution relative to the public lands in Clay county, as requested by the Senate; and that the House had passed a bill to provide clothing for the troops in the field from the State of Florida.

Said bill was placed among the orders of the day.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and stated that the House had refused to concur in the Senate amendments to House bill appropriating \$30,000 for the sick and wounded soldiers from this State in the several hospitals, and that the House had appointed a committee of three to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate to consider said bill, and asked a concurrence in the same.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide clothing for the troops in the field from this State, with amendments.

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. Allison, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—15.

Nay—Mr. Norwood—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, Messrs. Holland, Allison and Cooper were appointed to convey said bill to the House and ask that the Senate amendments be concurred in.

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

Resolution in relation to copies of Acts to be distributed among the soldiers.

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

The vote was :

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

Nays—None.

So the resolution 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 11th, 1862. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I have approved and signed the resolution relative to the Hospital at Richmond, Virginia.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the House bill to entitled an act relating to the public lands in Clay county was taken up, and the Senate action of yesterday on said bill be reconsidered.

The bill was then, on motion of Mr. Taylor, put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, 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.

Joint resolution in relation to the completion of the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad to the Apalachicola River,

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

House bill to be entitled an act for the additional issue of Treasury Notes,

Was read the second time.

The amendments to said bill were adopted.

Pending the consideration of the bill, 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 on the House bill to be entitled an act for the additional issue of Treasury Notes,

On motion, the rule was waived, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Holland, King, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—13.

Nays—Messrs. Hogue, Hopkins and Norwood—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, the Senator from the 19th District was excused from further attendance on the Senate.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Henry A Gray,

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

Nays—Messrs. Allison and Clary—2.

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 for the relief of Dr. James S. Meredith,

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

House bill to facilitate the construction of defences, with amendments,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, 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.

House bill to be entitled an act to re-establish the records of any county in this State which may have been lost, mislaid or destroyed with amendments,

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. Allison, Arnow, Clary, Hogue, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—12.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Holland, Hopkins and King—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,
December 11th, 1862. }

HON. E. J. VANN—

President Senate:

SIR: The House has this day passed the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

Preamble and resolutions requesting the President of the Confederate States to exempt Florida from the operations of the Conscription Law.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House Representatives.

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

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 11th, 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 John A. Granger;
House bill to be entitled an act to levy an additional tax on the real estate and slaves of non-residents;

House resolution to provide for furnishing Receivers with township plats in lieu of those that may be lost or destroyed;

House resolution authorizing the Treasurer to receive all genuine Confederate notes of the Hoyer & Ludwig issue.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk of House of Reps.

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

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 11th, 1862. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate 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 also to regulate the entry and sale of public lands, with amendments ;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to fix the Terms of the Supreme Court ; also,

Senate resolution relative to copying the laws, with amendment.

Very respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk House of Rep.

Which was read, and House amendments to said bill and resolution not concurred in.

House bill to be entitled an act to levy an additional tax on the real estate and slaves of non-residents,

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

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of John A. Granger,

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

House resolution requesting the President of the Confederate States to exempt Florida from the operations of the conscript act,

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

House resolution authorizing the Treasurer to receive all the genuine Confederate Notes of the Hoyer & Ludwig issue,

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

House resolution to provide for furnishing Receivers with township plats in lieu of those that may be lost or destroyed,

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

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Hopkins to introduce the following resolution :

WHEREAS, this General Assembly has, by joint resolution, fixed an hour for its adjournment *sine die* ; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That, from and after the passage of this resolution, no more new matter shall be introduced into this body, except by the unanimous consent of the Senate.

Which was adopted.

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

FRIDAY, December 12th, 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.

Motions were declared in order.

Mr. Allison was allowed by unanimous consent of the Senate to introduce a bill to be entitled an act concerning public roads and highways,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland, from the Committee on Appropriations, was allowed by unanimous consent of the Senate to introduce joint resolution relative to the pay of the officers of the General Assembly.

On motion, said resolution was read the first time, rule waved, read a second and third times by its title and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arrow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, 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.

On motion, a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Holland, Russell of Jefferson and Smith to convey said resolution to the House.

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

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

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill to be entitled an act to levy an additional tax on the real estate and slaves of non-residents, have had the same under consideration, and a majority have instructed me to report, that in their opinion the bill ought not to pass.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :