

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

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

SATURDAY, December 13th, 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 declared motions in order.

On motion, the bill relating to compensation of Messrs. Papy and Banks was taken from the possession of the Enrolling Clerk.

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

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House resolution relative to the books and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the canvass of returns of elections held by troops in the service of the State or Confederate States,

Was read the second time, and passed over informally.

The rule was waived, and, on motion, the action of the Senate in concurring to House amendments to Senate resolution relative to the compensation of Messrs. Papy and Banks was reconsidered.

The question being that the Senate do not concur in said amendments, the yeas and nays being call for, were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood and Taylor—7.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Scott—7.

So the amendment was not concurred in.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and informed the Senate that they were appointed to convey to this body the House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of the several counties in this State to levy a specific tax for the relief of the soldiers in the service of the State or of the Confederate States; approved December 12th, 1862,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Senate joint resolution for organizing the salt-makers of this and other States for their own and the public defence, with House amendments, was taken up.

On motion, each amendment was severally put to the Senate.

1st amendment :

After the word "rank," in the 2d line, 2d section, insert "and pay while in actual service."

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cooper, Holland, King, Russell, of Jefferson, and Taylor—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, Norwood, Russell, of 17th District, and Scott—10.

So the amendment was not concurred in.

2d amendment :

After the word "enroll," in the 4th line, 2d section, insert "under such rules and regulations as the Governor may prescribe."

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, King, Russell, of Jefferson, Scott and Taylor—9.

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

So the amendment was concurred in.

3d amendment :

SEC. 5. That if the Governor, in his wisdom, finds the number of officers provided for by these resolutions are not sufficient to carry out the spirit and intentions of said resolution, then he be and is hereby authorized to appoint such number of officers as he may deem proper and best for the public interest.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cooper, Holland, King, Russell, of Jefferson, Scott and Taylor—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Hopkins, Norwood, and Russell, of 17th District—8.

So the amendment was not concurred in.

The following is the title as amended by the House :

Joint resolution for organizing the salt-makers upon the coast of Florida for their own and the public defence.

The question then being on the House amendment to the title of said bill, and the yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cooper, Hogue, Holland, King, Russell, of Jefferson, Scott and Taylor—8.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Hopkins, Norwood and Russell, of 17th District—7.

So the amendment to the title was concurred in.

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

The rule being waived, Mr. Norwood moved that the Committee appointed on yesterday to confer on the part of the Senate with a like Committee on the part of the House in relation to Senate amendments to House bill entitled an act to facilitate the construction of public defences be required to inform the House of the same,

Which was adopted.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, Dec. 13th, 1862. }

*Fellow-Citizens of the Senate
and House of Representatives :*

Your attention is respectfully invited to the resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama herewith submitted.

No doubt can be entertained of the fixed purpose of the State of Florida to sustain the Government of the Confederate States to the utmost of her ability.

I would respectfully recommend to your honorable body the adoption of suitable resolutions pledging Florida to the most cordial co-operation with her sister States in the maintenance of the credit of the Confederacy.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS IN RELATION TO THE WAR DEBT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES.

WHEREAS, the Government of the Confederate States is involved in a war for the independence of each of the States of the Confederacy, as well as for its own existence; and whereas, the destiny of each State of the Confederacy is indissolubly connected with that of the Confederate Government; and whereas, the Confederate Government cannot successfully prosecute the war to a speedy and honorable peace without ample means or credit—Be it therefore

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened, That, in the opinion of this General Assembly, it is the duty of each State of the Confederacy, for the purpose of sustaining the credit of the Confederate Government, to guarantee the debt of that Government in proportion to its representation in the Congress of that Government.

Resolved further, That the State of Alabama hereby proposes to her sister States of the Confederacy to guarantee said debt on said basis: *Provided,* That each of said States shall accept the proposition and adopt suitable legislation to carry it into effect, in which event these resolutions shall stand as the guaranty of this State for the aforesaid proportion of the debt of said Confederate Government.

Resolved further, That his Excellency the Governor be and is hereby requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Governor of each State of the Confederacy, and to the President of the Confederate States.

Approved December 1, 1862.

Which was read.

Mr. Allison moved that a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to confer with a similar Committee on the part of the House on the above resolutions of the Alabama Legislature.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Allison, Hogue and Russell of 17th District said Committee.

The following communication from his Excellency the Governor was received:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 13th, 1862. }

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:

C. A. Ramsey, Auctioneer for the County of Alachua.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Arnou, the above appointment was concurred in.

The Secretary was instructed to notify his Excellency, the Governor, of the action of the Senate.

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

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Taylor—1.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnou, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, and Scott—13.

So the bill was lost.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of the several counties in this State to levy a specific tax for the relief of the soldiers in the service of the State or of the Confederate States; approved Dec. 12, 1862,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and passed over informally for the present.

House resolution relative to the books and accounts of the State Comptroller and Treasurer,

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. Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—10.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Arnow and Carter—3.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

The rule being waived, Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act concerning public roads and highways, report that they have had the same under consideration, and deeming the existing laws upon the subject embraced therein imperfect and inefficient, and believing also, that the one proposed will aid much in placing and keeping in proper condition, recommend its passage.

A. K. ALLISON, Chairman.

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

The rule being waived, Mr. Cooper, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following minority report:

The undersigned, a member of the Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the present road laws of this State, respectfully ask leave to differ from the majority report, and to make this minority report, viz: That the present road laws cover the whole ground proposed by the bill; and therefore considers the passage of the said bill unnecessary, and recommend that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES G. COOPER.

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

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

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

Resolution relative to copying the laws.

JOSEPH M. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Which was read.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and stated that the House had passed a resolution to appoint a Chaplain for the Florida Hospital at Richmond, and asked the concurrence of the Senate;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The committee appointed by the Senate to act with a similar committee on the part of the House in reference to the Alabama resolutions, appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported they had performed their duty and were discharged.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and stated that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act to organize the militia of the State of Florida, and asked the concurrence of the Senate,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Holland to present the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, the Hon. Jesse Norwood was a private in Capt. William H. Milton's Company of Cavalry before he was elected and qualified as a member of the Senate from the sixth Senatorial District of Florida; and whereas, the Hon. Secretary of War decided that the Hon. Jesse Norwood cannot claim a discharge under the exemption law by virtue of his election as State Senator, because the law being prospective applies in no case to persons in service prior to 11th October, 1862—Therefore be it

Resolved, That the military is subordinate to the civil authorities; that the decision of the Hon. Secretary of War is subversive of States rights, and that no man holds his seat on the floor of this Senate by permission, *in the shape of a furlough or otherwise*, of the military authorities of the Confederate States.

Be it further resolved, That the Hon. Jesse Norwood is entitled to his discharge, and that his Excellency the Governor is requested to urge upon the President of the Confederate States to discharge the Hon. Jesse Norwood from the military service of the Confederate States, and that the Governor forward a copy of these preamble and resolutions to the Senate of the Confederate States,

Mr. Russell, of 17th District, moved that the House take a recess until 3 o'clock.

The yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Holland.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Hopkins, Russell, of 17th District, and Taylor—4.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, King, Russell, of Jefferson, and Scott—10.

So the motion was lost.

The question being upon the adoption of the preamble and resolution, and the yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Clary, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins and Taylor—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Cooper, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, and Scott—9.

So the resolution was lost.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland, from the Committee on Appropriations, made the following report :

The Joint Committee on Appropriations, for the fiscal year, A. D., 1862, report the following bill and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. P. HOLLAND,

Chairman Senate Committee.

JOSEPH PRICE,

Chairman House Committee.

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, King, Scott and Taylor—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Russell of Jefferson and Russell of 17th District—3.

Mr. Norwood was excused from voting.

So the bill passed.

Mr. Allison moved to strike out the word "first," in the title, and insert the word "twelfth,"

Which was not agreed to.

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

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 3½ o'clock, P. M.

3½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The business of this morning was taken up.

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

Was read the third time.

Mr. Holland offered the following amendment :

Provided, however, That the Treasurer shall only receive the notes of that issue which have been collected up to this time by the Tax Assessors and Collectors;

Which was adopted.

The resolution was then put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—12.

Nay—Mr. Russell of Jefferson—1.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, Messrs. Holland, King and Clary were appointed a Committee to request the House to return the bill to be entitled an act making Appropriations for the 1st Session of the General Assembly.

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

House resolution requiring plats of public lands to be furnished the various counties,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Holland, Scott and Taylor—7.

Nays—Messrs. Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, and Russell of 17th District—6.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bills as being correctly enrolled, viz :

An act to protect the interest of stock owners in this State.

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.

An act appropriating the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the sick and wounded soldiers from Florida in the several hospitals.

JOSEPH M. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Which was read.

House resolution to appoint a Chaplain for the Florida Hospital at Richmond, Va.,

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, Carter, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of the 17th District, and Taylor—7.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Hogue, Holland and Hopkins—5.
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 13th, 1862. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

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

CHARLES A. HALL—Auctioneer for the County of Columbia.

M. F. PAPPY—Auctioneer for the County of Leon.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.

On motion, the nominations were concurred in.

A bill to be entitled an act concerning public roads and highways,

Was read a 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, Scott, and Taylor—6.

Nays—Messrs. Carter, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Russell of Jefferson and Russell of 17th District—7.

So the bill was lost.

House bill to organize the militia of this State,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Holland to make the following report :

The Committee to whom Senate resolution relative to vessels leaving or entering the ports of Florida was referred, have instructed me to report against the passage of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. P. HOLLAND, Ch'n.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the resolution relative to vessels leaving or entering the ports of Florida was taken up and read the first time.

Mr. Holland presented the following substitute for the above bill :

Resolution relative to goods, wares and merchandize offered for sale in this State, or which are about to be removed from this State which have come into the State from any foreign port,

Which was read.

On motion, the substitute was adopted.

Mr. Allison offered the following amendment :

Be it further Resolved, That the Governor shall not be authorized to take more than ten per cent. of each invoice,

Which was not agreed to.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the resolutions read a second and third times by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

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

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Hopkins and Taylor—5

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, the rule was waived to allow the Select Committee on the Alabama resolutions to make a report.

Mr. Allison, from a Select Committee, made the following report :

The Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of the State of Alabama in relation to guaranteeing by the States the debts of the Confederate Government,

REPORT :

That they have had the same under consideration, and, concurring fully in the sentiments expressed in said resolutions, report the following preamble and resolutions and recommend their adoption.

A. K. ALLISON,

Chairman Senate Committee.

WM. B. ROSS,

Chairman House Committee.

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

On motion of Mr. Allison, the preamble and resolutions were taken up and read the first time.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the preamble and resolutions read the second and third times by their title and put upon their passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—12.

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 the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 13th, 1862. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

SIR—The House has this day passed the following resolution, viz :
House resolution requiring information to be furnished by the Internal Improvement Board with regard to the management of certain Railroads.

Very respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House of Reps.

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

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 13th, 1862. }

Hon. E. J. VANN—

President of the Senate :

SIR : The House has this day passed the following Senate resolution, with amendment, viz :

Resolution in relation to the completion of the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad to the Apalachicola river.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read, and the House amendment concurred in, and the resolution ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Dec. 13th, 1862. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate—

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

Senate bill to be entitled an act to prevent the establishment of distilleries and the distilling of whiskey or other spirituous liquors in this State, with amendments ;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for a hospital for Florida troops in the West ; also,

Senate joint resolutions in relation to copies of acts to be distributed among the soldiers.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House of Rep.

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

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 13th, 1862.

HON. E. J. VANN—

President Senate :

SIR : The House has this day passed the Senate bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the First General Assembly, and for other purposes, with the following amendment to the title of the bill :

Strike out "First Session of the General Assembly," and insert "First Session of the Twelfth General Assembly."

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read, and House amendments concurred in, and said bill ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 13th, 1862.

HON. E. J. VANN—

President Senate :

SIR : The House has passed the following bill and resolution, to-wit :

Senate bill to be entitled an act relating to the trial of persons in this State during the existing war ; and

Resolution relating to the Secretary of State.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk of the House.

Which was read, and said bill ordered to be enrolled, and House resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 13, 1862.

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate—

SIR : The House has receded from its 1st and 3rd amendments to Senate joint resolution for organizing the salt makers of this and other States for their own and the public defence.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, and said resolution ordered to be enrolled,
House bill to provide for a Florida Hospital in the West,
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, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of
17th District, Scott and Taylor--13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representa-
tives.

House resolution relative to the Secretary of State,

Was read and adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representa-
tives.

House resolution requiring information to be furnished by the In-
ternal Improvement Board with regard to the management of cer-
tain railroads,

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

The vote was :

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

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representa-
tives.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morn-
ing.

MONDAY, December 15th, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

The journal of Saturday was read, corrected and approved.

The President announced motions in order.

Mr. Holland was allowed, by unanimous consent, to present the
following bill :

A bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the collection of debts due
the State by any officers,