

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SECRET SESSIONS OF THE SENATE.

FRIDAY, November 21st, 1862.

Senate met.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The President read the following communication from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
November 21st, 1862.

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—I have the honor to nominate Thomas T. Long as Judge of the Suwannee Circuit, to fill the unexpired term of Hon. James M. Baker, elected and qualified as Senator in "the Congress of the Confederate States."

Very respectfully,
JOHN MILTON,
Governor of Florida.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the message of the Governor be acted upon,

Which was adopted.

The President stated that the nomination by the Governor of Thomas T. Long as Judge of the Suwannee Circuit was before the Senate.

On motion, the yeas and nays were called for on the confirmation of the nomination.

The following was the vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Norwood, Smith and Taylor—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Hopkins and Roper—4.

Blank—Messrs. Carter and Scott—2.

There not being the requisite vote (two-thirds) given, the President declared the nomination unconfirmed.

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

On motion, of Mr. Holland, the doors were opened.

THURSDAY, November 27th, 1862.

Senate met.

The President in the chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Holland, the message and accompanying documents were read.

The message being in reference to the nomination of Hon. Thos. T. Long, for Judge of the Suwannee Circuit,

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the vote was taken on the confirmation of the nomination.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allison, Carter, Clary, Hogue, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson, and Taylor—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District, and Smith—8.

Blank—Mr. Scott—1.

So the nomination was not confirmed.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the Secretary be instructed to notify his Excellency, the Governor, forthwith, of the action of the Senate,

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the injunction of secrecy was removed from the proceedings.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the doors were opened.

MONDAY, December 1st, 1862.

Senate met.

The President in the Chair.

The President stated that he held in his hand a communication from his Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, moved that the communication be read, Which was adopted.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, December 1st, 1862. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

SIR : I have the honor to nominate Hon. James B. Dawkins to your honorable body as Judge of the Suwannee Circuit, for the term of six years, agreeably to the 10th Section of the 5th Article of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

On motion, of Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, the Senate proceeded to vote on the confirmation of said nomination.

The vote was:

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

Blank—Messrs. Clary and Norwood—2.

So the nomination was confirmed.

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

On motion, of Mr. Holland, the injunction of secrecy upon the proceedings was removed, and the doors were opened.