

The Joint Assembly went into election for Secretary of State.

Mr. Hogue nominated Hon. Benj. F. Allen.

Mr. Arendall nominated Mr. Scott.

The vote was:

House. For Mr. ALLEN—28.

Senate. For Mr. ALLEN—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnaw, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Holland, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District and Taylor—13.

House. For Mr. SCOTT—6.

Senate. For Mr. SCOTT—Messrs. Cooper, Russell of Jefferson and Smith—3.

Mr. Allen was declared elected Secretary of State.

Mr. Williams, of Leon, moved that the Joint Session of the General Assembly do now adjourn;

Which was adopted.

The Senate repaired to its chamber.

Mr. Holland moved to reconsider the vote taken upon the adoption of the Joint Rules as reported by the Joint and Select Committee of the General Assembly;

Which was adopted.

The vote was taken on the adoption of the resolution and was lost.

On motion, a committee was appointed to convey the above action of the Senate to the House.

The President appointed as said committee Messrs. Holland, Russell, of Jefferson and Russell of 17th District.

The Committee retired and after a short time returned and reported that they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and stated that the House had stricken out so much of the joint rules for the government of the two Houses as relates to the west room on the upper floor of the capitol.

The following communication from the House was received and read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 18th, 1863.

Hon. E. J. Vann,
President of the Senate:

Sir: The House has this day receded from its amendment to the enclosed resolution.

Respectfully,
THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House of Rep.

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

THURSDAY, November 19th, 1863.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Smith.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnaw, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District and Smith—13.

A quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

Mr. Abercrombie stated that the Senator from Jefferson had received a letter announcing sickness in his family, and moved that he be excused;

Which was adopted.

The Senator from Jefferson was excused from attendance on the Senate until Monday next.

Mr. Roper gave notice that, on some future day, he would introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indians, passed the 12th December, 1862.

Mr. Arnaw, according to previous notice, introduced the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to forfeited bonds of criminals; and,

A bill to be entitled an act for the organization of the militia;

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Norwood, according to previous notice, introduced the following bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws of this State relative to soldiers' voting;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Abercrombie introduced, according to previous notice, the following bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing publication to be made out of the State of sales by administrators and executors in certain cases;

Which was 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 the following bills, to wit: an act allowing officers arresting criminals to take a bond, with good and sufficient security, for their appearance

at court, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do not pass.

Also, an act entitled an act to amend the seventh section of an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State, and recommend that it do not pass.

Also, an act to be entitled an act relating to Evidence, and recommend that it do not pass.

The Committee recommend that an act entitled an act to allow the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to appoint Sheriffs in certain cases, do pass.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

Which was received and read.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following majority and minority reports:

The undersigned beg leave to report against the bill relative to the fees of the officers of this State and for other purposes.

J. S. RUSSELL, Chairman.

J. B. SMITH.

The undersigned beg leave to make the following minority report:

In a republican form of government, where the law is supreme, its ministers should be raised above the temptations of penury by receiving a just compensation for services rendered. In the governments of the old world, where due regard to this principle has not been had, the officers of the law have suffered under the reproach of being corrupt. In the present crisis, where power sometimes interpret law to suit emergencies, it behooves every republican to arrest the tendency to despotism by placing around the citizen the safeguards of law. By abandoning every officer in the State to the tender mercies of a fee-bill, established at a period when the supply was at least equal to the demand, we drive from the service of the State every competent man, and obtain in their places those specimens of humanity, who shelter themselves behind their commissions from the conscript officer. It is of doubtful propriety to rest the rights of the citizen upon such officers. In view of these facts, the undersigned submits the following bill in lieu of the bill offered by the honorable Senator from the sixth district.

JOS. M. TAYLOR.

Which, on motion of Mr. Holland, were received, and ordered to be placed first among the orders of the day.

The rule was waved to allow Mr. Norwood to present, without further notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act, to amend an act to protect the interest of stock owners in this State, approved Dec. 13th, 1862;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Taylor, presented the petition of Margaret J. McKeown, of Hernando county;

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Taylor presented petition of Madison Post, late U. S. Land Receiver.

Which was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the fees of the officers of this State and for other purposes,

Was read a second time.

On motion, the substitute presented by the Committee on Propositions and Grievances was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the substitute was received in place of the original bill.

Mr. Norwood, moved to postpone indefinitely the substitute;

The yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Hopkins and Holland;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Carter, Clary, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District and Smith,—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cater, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King and Taylor—10.

So the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to exempt John C. Snowball, from military duty;

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the bill was passed over informally.

A bill to be entitled an act relative to forfeited bonds of criminals,

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

A bill to be entitled an act for the organization of the Militia,

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

Mr. Arnow moved that 80 copies of the bill be printed;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws of this State, relative to soldiers' voting,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Norwood moved that the rule be waived, and that the bill be read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing publication to be made out of the State, of sales by administrators and executors in certain cases,

Was read a first time, and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to protect the interests of stock holders in this State, approved December 13, 1862,

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, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Smith—15.

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 allow the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to appoint Sheriffs in certain cases,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Norwood, the rule was waived and the bill read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, 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 amend the seventh section of an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State,

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

A bill to be entitled an act relating to evidence,

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

A bill to be entitled an act allowing officers arresting criminals to take a bond, with good and efficient security, for their appearance at court,

Was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Taylor, indefinitely postponed.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 19th, 1863.

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has this day adopted the following resolutions, viz:

Senate joint resolution in relation to adjournment, with amendment.

Resolutions of thanks to Gen. Wm. Bailey and Dr. Henry Bacon.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was received and read.

On motion of Mr. Norwood, the Senate concurred in the House amendment to the Senate resolution for adjournment.

House resolution was read a first time, and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Resolution relative to exemption of officers of the State of Florida, Was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the resolution was ordered to be laid on the table for its indefinite postponement.

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

A bill to be entitled an act, to create special tribunals for the trial of offences committed by slaves, free negroes and mulattoes, to regulate the mode of trial and of appeals from the judgment of said tribunals.

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

FRIDAY, November 20th, 1863.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Smith.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell, of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor.

A quorum present.