

Resolutions relative to the appointment of an Agent for soldiers' families, in the counties of Santa Rosa and Escambia.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,  
Clerk House Representatives.

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

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
November 19th, 1863.

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

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

A bill for the protection of cattle owners in the counties of Levy, Lafayette, Taylor, Alachua, Wakulla and Duval; and, Senate resolution of thanks to our soldiers.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,  
Clerk House Representatives.

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

House bill for the protection of cattle owners in the Counties of Levy, LaFayette, Taylor, Alachua, Wakulla and Duval.

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

House bill to amend Ordinance No. 53, of the Conventions in relation to soldier's voting,

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

House resolution asking the Governor not to license any more distilleries until the further action of the Legislature,

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

House resolution relative to the appointment of agent for soldiers' families in the counties of Santa Rosa and Escambia,

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

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

SATURDAY, November 21, 1863.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President being absent, Mr. Russell, of the 17th District, was called to the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names: Messrs. Carter, Clary Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th Dist., Scott, Smith and Taylor—15.

A quorum present.

Mr. Holland nominated Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, as President, pro tem.

Mr. Russell was elected President pro tem, during the absence of Mr. Vann.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Smith.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Cooper moved that Mr. Cater be excused from acting on the Special Committee, appointed to settle Gov. Perry's accounts, and that Mr. King, be appointed in his place;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hogue moved that the rule be waived, to allow him to introduce a bill without previous notice;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Russell, of the 17th District, moved that so much of the Governor's Message as refers to soldiers' families, be referred to the Special Joint Committee of both Houses; and,

That so much as relates to cards, salt, fisheries and Hospitals, be referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances; and,

That so much as relates to crops, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture; and,

That so much as relates to the blockade, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth; and,

That so much as relates to the issue of treasury notes, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts; and,

That so much as relates to public lands, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; and,

That so much as relates to the currency, be referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue; and,

That so much as relates to the Militia, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; and,

That so much as relates to the Arsenal, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; and,

That so much as relates to distilleries, be referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cooper moved that the Standing Committee on Internal Improvement Funds, be required to report by bill, providing for any matter necessary to guard the interests of this State and the Internal Improvement Fund;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Clary moved that Mr. Cater be excused from attendance on the Senate to-day on account of sickness;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Smith introduced, according to previous notice;

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

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. Roper to present the following bill without previous notice:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the entry of lands occupied by soldiers and their families during the continuance of the present war, and also to regulate the entry and sale of public lands, approved Dec. 13, 1862.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
November 20th, 1863. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has this day concurred in Senate amendment to House resolution of thanks to Gen. Wm. Bailey and Dr. Henry Bacon.

The House also indefinitely postponed Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Levy county in this State to the name of Ward county.

Respectfully,

THOMAS B. BAREFOOT,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read.

Mr. Holland presented the petition of Hugh Corley, Register of Public Lands;

Which was read and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

The Committee on engrossed bills beg leave to make,

The following report:

That they have examined a bill to be entitled an act, relating to salaries of the officers of the State of Florida and find the same correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. CARTER,

Cham'n Prote'm Com. on Engrossed bills.

Which was received.

The Committee on the Judiciary have had under consideration the following bills to-wit:

A bill to be entitled an act, to amend an act concerning divorcees;  
Also, A bill to be entitled an act, authorizing publication to be made out of the State of sales by Administrator's and Executors in certain cases;

Also, A bill to be entitled an act, in relation to forfeited bonds of criminals and recommend the passage of the same.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

Which was received.

Mr. Holland moved that the rule be waived to allow him to make the following motion:

That the Committee on relief of Soldiers' families be allowed to employ a Clerk.

The rule was not waived.

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

Mr. Holland moved that Mr. Clary be added to the Special Committee for Relief of Soldiers' Families.

The motion was adopted.

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A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Leon county to assess additional taxes for the support of soldiers' families and the indigent of said county and regulating the collection thereof;

Was read the first time, and on motion, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Joint and Select Committee on Soldiers' Families.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to prevent the entry of lands occupied by soldiers and their families during the continuance of the present war, and to regulate the entry and sale of public lands, approved Dec. 13, 1862.

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

A bill in relation to dower,

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

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

Was read a second time.

Mr. Holland offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert "no divorce shall be granted in this State, a *vinculo matrimonii*, except for adultery or extreme cruelty;"

Mr. Hopkins offered as a substitute for the above amendment, the following:

That no divorce be granted within the limits of the State of Florida, from and after the passage of this act.

Mr. Holland withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Hogue moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being upon the indefinite postponement of the bill; The yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Taylor and Norwood,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Carter, Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—9.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Holland, King, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—7.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Bill relative to salaries of officers of the State of Florida,

Was read a third time and placed upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Hogue, Holland and Taylor—5;  
Nays—Messrs. Carter, Clary, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Smith—11.

So the bill was lost.

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 second time and on motion of Mr. Cooper, passed over informally.

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

Was read a second time, and on motion, the rule was waived; read a third time by title and placed upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell, of Jefferson, Scott, Smith, Taylor—15.

Nays—Russell, of 17th District—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act for the protection of cattle owners in the counties of Levy, LaFayette, Taylor, Alachua, Wakulla and Duval,

Was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Russell, of 17th, referred to a special committee of three.

The chair appointed as said committee Messrs. Russell, of the 17th District, Hopkins, and Taylor.

House bill to amend Ordinance No. 53 of the Convention in relation to soldiers voting,

Was read a second time, and, on motion, referred to Committee on Judiciary.

House resolution asking the Governor not to license any more distilleries until further action of the Legislature,

Was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Arnow, the rule was waived, read a third time by its title and placed upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Jones, King, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—12.

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

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
November 21st, 1863. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

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

House bill to be entitled an act, to change the place of holding the Circuit Court for Putnam County;

Also, A House bill to be entitled an act, to legalize entries of Public Lands made after the Secession of Florida; and requiring the Receivers to account for the moneys received therefor;

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

Also, Senate bill to be entitled an act, to allow the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to appoint Sheriffs in certain cases, with amendment.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk House Representatives.

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

House resolution relating to appointment of Agent for soldiers' families in the counties of Santa Rosa and Escambia,

Was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the Joint and Select Committee on soldiers' families.

House bill to change the place of holding the Circuit Court for Putnam county,

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

House bill to legalize entries of Public Lands, made after the secession of Florida, and requiring the Receivers to account for the moneys received therefor,

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

On motion, the rule was waived, to allow Mr. Holland to introduce for Mr. Russell of Jefferson, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for an additional issue of treasury notes.

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

The rule was waived, to allow Mr. Arnow to present the following:

That the Sergeant at-Arms be instructed to procure for the use of the Enrolling Clerk, an enrolling pen and tape to be used on bills;

The motion was lost.

The orders of the day being through with, on motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY, November 23d 1863.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

•Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, in the chair.

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

Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Scott—13.

A quorum present.

The journal of Saturday's proceedings was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

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

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to holding Probate Court in Santa Rosa county.

Mr. Norwood moved that the House amendment to the Senate bill authorizing Judges of the Circuit Courts, to appoint Sheriffs in certain cases, which passed the House on Saturday, be considered;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Norwood, the House amendment was not concurred in.

The memorial of F. Epps, President Board of Education, was presented by Mr. Hogue;

Which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Hogue, referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The following Committees made their reports:

The Committee on Public Lands, have had under their consideration, "A bill to be entitled an act to amend 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 sales of Public Lands, approved December 13th, 1862," and recommend that the same do pass.

J. M. ARNOW, Chairman.

Which was read and received.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined a resolution enrolled, entitled Resolution of thanks to our soldiers, and find the same correctly enrolled.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ARNOW, Chairman.

Which was read and received.

The Committee on the Judiciary, have had under consideration, House bill entitled An act to amend Ordinance No. 53, of the Convention, in relation to soldiers' voting; and recommend its passage.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

Which was read and received.

The Committee on the Judiciary have duly considered a bill entitled An act in relation to Dower. It provides that it shall not be necessary in conveying real estate for the wife to relinquish her dower, or right of dower, and repeals all laws on the subject, now in force in this State. The Committee can see no reason for the change, and cannot, therefore, recommend the passage of the bill.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

Which was read:

The Committee on the Judiciary have considered a resolution, entitled a resolution for the relief of Justices of Peace in Florida, and submit the following report:

By an act of the Confederate Congress approved April 21st, 1862, entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from enrollment for service in the army of the Confederate States," it was provided that the officers, judicial and executive of the Confederate and State Governments, "should be exempted from service." At least such was the substance of the provision. The act of October 11th, 1862, repealed the act of the 21st April, 1862, but expressly enacted that "the officers judicial and executive of the Confederate and State Governments" should be exempted from enrollment. By the Constitution of this State the judicial power of the State is vested both as to matters of law and equity in a Supreme Court, Courts of Chancery, Circuit Courts and Justices of the Peace. The Justices of the Peace, therefore, constitute a part of the State Judiciary. The