

House resolution for the destruction of the State Bonds on hand, of the issues of 1856 and 1861.

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

House resolution relative to adjournment,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Holland moved that the resolution be laid over, until Friday next, 10 o'clock.

The yeas and nays being called for by the Senators from the 5th and 20th Districts,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Hogue, Holland, Russell of 17th District and Taylor—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, and Scott—11.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Hogue moved that it be passed over informally until Thursday next;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Holland moved that it be passed over informally until Wednesday next;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Hogue moved that it be passed over informally until to-morrow.

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Holland moved that the resolution be passed over informally for the present;

Which was adopted.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
November 30th, 1863. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

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

A House bill to be entitled an act, to punish slaves for certain offences,

A House bill to be entitled an act, relative to interest on Judgments,

A House bill to be entitled an act, to prevent the distilling of Spirituous Liquors in this State,

House resolution in relation to copying the laws; and,
Senate Resolution relative to days of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

The House has also indefinitely postponed Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to protect the interests of Stock owners in this State approved Dec. 13th 1862.

Respectfully,

THOMAS B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House of Representatives.

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

On motion, the Senate adjourned, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, December 1st, 1863.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Holland, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—14.

A quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

On motion of Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, Rev. Mr. Smith, was excused from attendance on the Senate, until he recovers from his illness.

Mr. Cater moved that the resolution introduced by Mr. Holland and amended by Mr. Abercrombie, relative to the eligibility of Mr. Baldwin, be reconsidered;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Arnow moved that the Senate send for the bill now in the hands of the Printer, which was reported by the minority of the Select Committee on soldiers' families;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland offered the following resolution :
Resolution in relation to our sick and wounded soldiers in Gen. Bragg's army.

On motion, the resolution was taken up and read the first time, rule waived, and read the second time.

Mr. Russell, of 17th District, moved to fill up the blanks, by inserting \$25,000;

Which was adopted.

The rule was waived, and the resolution read the third time by its title, and put upon its passage,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

Mr. Holland moved that a committee of three be appointed to convey said resolution to the House of Representatives.

The chair appointed as said committee, Messrs. Holland, Russell of Jefferson and Cooper.

The committee retired, and after a short time returned, and reported that they had performed their duty, and were discharged.

Mr. Arnow presented the following resolution:

Resolution in relation to procuring supplies for the army;

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

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

The Committee on Finance and Public Accounts, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide clothing for troops from Florida, in the service of the Confederate States, also, a bill to be entitled an act to pay the debts due by the State of Florida, beg leave to report: That they have had the same under consideration, and report the same back and recommend that they do pass.

JESSE NORWOOD, Chairman.

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

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

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a resolution for the relief of Justices of the Peace, ask leave to report the resolution back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

EDWARD HOPKINS, Chm'n,

E. L. CATER,

JESSE NORWOOD.

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

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

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize G. W. Bostick to practice medicine in this State, have had the same under consideration. The committee amend the same by striking out State and insert Wakulla county only, and recommend the passage of the same.

JAMES P. CARTER, Chairman.

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

The Joint Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act relating to the planting of cotton and tobacco, have had the

same under consideration and respectfully recommend the passage of the House bill.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ABERCROMBIE,
Chm'n Senate Committee.
JNO. SCOTT,
JAS. S. RUSSELL,
J. C. GREELEY,
Chm'n House Committee.
J. Y. JONES.

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 legalize the acts of Samuel Low,
Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Holland, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper and Taylor—11.

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 permit G. W. Bostick to practice medicine,

Was read the second time.

On motion, the amendment was adopted.

The rule was waived, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Taylor—12.

Nay—Mr. President—1.

So the bill passed.

Mr. Norwood moved to amend the title by adding, in Wakulla county only;

Which was adopted.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to pay the debts due by the State of Florida,

Was read the second time, and, on motion, laid over informally for the present.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Atlantic, Gulf and Central Railroad,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cater, Clary, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Scott—12.

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 relating to defaulting jurors, with amendment,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Norwood moved to amend the amendment, by striking out two hundred and inserting fifty;

Which was adopted.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide clothing for troops from Florida, in the army of the Confederate States,

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

The rule was waived, to allow the Committee on Engrossed Bills, to make the following report:

The Standing Committee on Engrossed Bills beg to report as correctly engrossed, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act relating to the assessment of taxes.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Chm'n.

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

The rule was waived to allow the Committee on the Judiciary to make the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to repeal a certain part of an act entitled an act to amend the election laws of this State, as regards the mode of voting, and for other purposes, approved December 8, 1862, have had the same under consideration, and

REPORT:

That the part of the act proposed to be repealed, appears to be an indirect violation of the Constitution. The Constitution provides, that the mode of voting in this State, shall be by ballot. Ballot is defined by the best lexicographers, to be "a slip of paper or any thing which is used in giving a secret vote;" "a secret method

of voting at elections." When the ballots are numbered, this secret method of voting is effectually destroyed. It is therefore recommended that the accompanying bill do pass.

D. P. HOGUE, Chm'n.

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

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

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Peter Parker, of Washington county;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

House resolution for the relief of Justices' of the Peace,

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

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the special order for 10 o'clock this morning,

The bills for the relief of soldiers' families were taken up.

Mr. Holland moved that the Senate go into a Committee of the Whole on the subject;

Which was adopted.

After a session of some length the Committee arose and reported progress.

On motion of Mr. Russell of 17th District, the report of the Committee of the Whole was adopted.

Mr. Holland moved that the bill and amendments be engrossed and that it be made the special order at five P. M., and that the Secretary send it to the Engrossing Clerk at once.

Which was adopted.

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

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Holland, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—14.

A quorum present.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 1st, 1863. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I have approved and signed the following bills, viz :
An act in relation to holding Probate Courts during the present war ; and,
An act to amend an act to provide for an additional issue of treasury notes.

Very respectfully,
JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.

Also, a communication relative to a Convention of Commissioners, held at Augusta, Georgia,
Which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 1st, 1863. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

SIR—The House has this day passed the following bill and resolutions, viz :
Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Monticello and Thomasville Railroad ;
Senate resolution relative to a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer ; and,
House resolution relative to Confederate Treasury Notes.

Respectfully, &c.,
THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to prevent the distilling of spirituous liquors in this State,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to a select committee.

The chair appointed, as said committee, Messrs. Holland, Scott and King.

On motion, Mr. Taylor was excused from attendance on the Senate this afternoon.

House resolution relative to copying the laws,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title.

Mr. Hogue moved to amend by striking out the words "suitable person" and insert "Thomas B. Barefoot;"

Which was not adopted.

The bill was placed among the orders of the day for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act relating to interest on judgments.

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cater, Clary, Holland, King and Norwood—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Scott—11.

So the bill was lost.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to punish slaves for certain offences,

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

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

Be it resolved by the Senate, That Thomas B. Barefoot be, and he is hereby recommended to the Governor, as a suitable person, to be employed to copy the laws.

Which was adopted.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Holland to present the following bill, without further notice,

A bill to be entitled an act, to aid the Wayside Homes or Hospitals in this State,

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

Resolution in relation to the accounts of the late U. S. Receivers and Registers,

Was read the second time, and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

House Resolution for the destruction of the State Bonds on hand of the issue of 1856 and 1861,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Scott—14.

Nay—Mr. Abercrombie—1.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House substitute to Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the second section of 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 sales and entry of public lands.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the transaction of business in the Quarter Master General's office,

Was read the second time, and placed among the orders of the day for a third reading on tomorrow.

The following resolution, which was lost on Saturday last, and which was reconsidered this morning, was taken up and read.

Resolved, That if, when John P. Baldwin presents himself to be sworn in, as Senator of the 21st District, that he is not at that time an officer in the Confederate States, and his resignation is accepted, he is eligible to take the oath and act as Senator of said District.

The yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Norwood and Hogue,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Cater, Clary, Holland, Hopkins, Roper Russell of Jefferson and Taylor—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cooper, Hogue, King, Norwood, Russell of 17th District and Scott—9.

So the resolution was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act relative to assessment of taxes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Holland, King, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—12.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Hopkins, Roper and Russell of 17th District—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House resolution relative to adjournment,

Was read.

Mr. Holland moved that it be laid on the table.

The yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Holland and Hogue,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Hogue, Holland, Russell of Jefferson and Russell of 17th District—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper and Scott—11.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Holland moved that it be informally passed over ;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Russell moved to amend by inserting Wednesday, 9th December ;

Which was lost.

Mr. Arnow moved to insert 10th of December, instead of Friday next ;

Which was lost.

The previous question being called for by Messrs. Hopkins and Abercrombie, the yeas and nays were taken on the adoption of the resolution ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper and Scott—12.

Nays—Messrs. Hogue, Holland, Russell of Jefferson and Russell of 17th District—4.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

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

That the Enrolling Clerk of the Senate be instructed to employ such assistant clerical force as may be necessary to enroll the Senate bills ;

Which was adopted.

House bill to be entitled an act to prevent and punish all persons planting and cultivating, in the State of Florida, over a certain quantity of land in cotton and tobacco, during the continuance of the present war,

Was read the first time, rule waived, and read the second time by its title.

Mr. Hogue moved to strike out "one acre" and insert "three acres ;"

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Hogue moved to strike out the 6th section ;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Holland moved to waive the rule ;

The yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Holland and Hogue,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Hogue, Hopkins, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cater, Cooper, Holland, King and Russell of 17th District—7.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Holland moved to amend the 5th Section by striking out the words "one quarter of an acre" and inserting "one acre,"

Which was lost.

Mr. Arnow moved to waive the rule.

The yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Holland and Arnow,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Cooper, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Cater, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King and Russell of 17th District—7.

So the rule was not waived.

Mr. Holland presented the following amendment :

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons in this State to sell or purchase any article or articles in this State, at a greater price than that fixed or paid for like articles by the Confederate States, and any person or persons violating the provision of this section, shall, on conviction, be fined at the discretion of the Jury, not less than double the value of the article so sold or purchased.

The yeas and nays being called for on the adoption of the amendment by Messrs. Holland and Hogue,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Hogue, Holland and Russell of 17th District—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—13.

So the amendment was not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Arnow, the rule was waived and the bill read the third time by its title, and put on its passage,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cooper, King, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Scott—10.

Nays—Messrs. Cater, Hogue, Holland and Hopkins—4.

Mr. Roper was excused from voting.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The rule was waived to allow the Committee on Engrossed Bills to make the following report :

The Standing Committee on Engrossed Bills beg to report, as correctly engrossed, the following bill, viz :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the relief of soldiers' families and others that require assistance.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Chm'n.

Which was read and the accompanying bill taken up as special order for 5 o'clock, P. M.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the relief of soldiers' families and others that require assistance,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District and Scott—13.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow and Russell of Jefferson—2.

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 1st, 1863. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

SIR—The House has this day passed the following bills, to wit :

Senate bill to be entitled an act to repeal Ordinance No. 62;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to aid the Confederate Government in the detection of fraud ;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to lease certain lands belonging to the State of Florida, with amendments ; and,

Senate bill to be entitled an act to assist the faithful and necessary enforcement of the Impressment act of Congress, and to protect and defend the citizens of this State from oppression, and unlawful acts of persons violating the said acts, or claiming to act under the authority of the Confederate Government, with amendment.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and House amendments to Senate bills concurred in, and Senate bills ordered to be enrolled.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, December 2nd, 1863.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
The President in the chair.