

Which was read.

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

THURSDAY, December 1st, 1864.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, Mr. Vann was called to the chair, the President being absent.

A quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. E. L. T. Blake.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

Mr. Arnow moved that Messrs. Holland and Cooper be added to the special committee appointed to consider a memorial presented to the consideration of this body, in relation to the charges of the several railroads in this State;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cooper moved that the Hon. A. K. Allison, President of the Senate, have leave of absence until to-morrow ten o'clock;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cooper introduced

Resolution asking Congress to suspend taxation in certain cases,
Was read and adopted.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

The Committee on the Judiciary have had under consideration a bill to be entitled, An act to protect the citizens of Florida, and report the same with the following amendment, to wit:

After the word "to," in the sixth line, insert "Commissioner of the Confederate States or," and recommend the passage of the bill with said amendment.

D. P. HOGUE, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on the Judiciary have had under consideration House bill entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of county officers in certain cases, and recommend the passage of the same with the following amendment:

Add another section, as follows:

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever any of the officers mentioned in the first section are in the service of the Confederate States, so that they cannot perform the duties of their office, the Governor shall have the power to appoint, as is provided in said first

section, which appointment shall continue until the discharge of the officer from said service or the term of office expires by legal limitation.

D. P. HOGUE, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to which was referred a "resolution for the relief of the Tax Assessor and Collector for Madison county," has had the same under consideration and begs leave to

REPORT:

That the resolution provides "that the Tax Collector of the County of Madison be allowed until the first day of February next to collect the taxes from the citizens of said county, due the present year." It finds that the law provides that Tax Assessors and Collectors shall be allowed until March 1st to collect the taxes due the preceding year. There being nothing in the law preventing a Tax Assessor and Collector from collecting the taxes at any time before the first of March, the committee sees no reason why an act should be passed shortening the time now allowed by law, and therefore recommends that the resolution do not pass.

E. J. VANN, Ch'n.

Which was received and bill placed among the orders of the day. The Committee on Enrolled Bills, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have examined An act to create special tribunals for the trial of capital offences committed by slaves, free negroes and mulattoes; also,

A resolution for the destruction of redeemed State treasury notes and bonds of 1856 and 1861, and find the same correctly enrolled.

J. M. ARNOW, Ch'n.

Which was received.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill to be entitled, "An act to increase the price of public lands and facilitate the entry of lands by soldiers, sailors and actual settlers,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Holland presented the following amendment:

Insert, at the end of ninth section, the words "and who now are or were residents of the State of Florida prior to their entry into said service;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hopkins moved to amend by inserting in section nine, third line, after the word have, the words "died or;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Arnow offered the following amendment:

Strike out "twenty," in the eleventh line of the second section, and insert "ten," and strike out "fifty," in thirteenth line, and insert "twenty."

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Duncan and Hopkins—5.

Nays—Messrs. Hogue, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—6.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Hogue moved to strike out the second section;

Which was lost.

The bill was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson and Vann—9.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Hogue and Scott—3.

So the bill was passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Bill to be entitled, An act in relation to the commissions of executors, guardians, curators and administrators,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Holland presented the following amendment:

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the returns now by law required to be made, may be made by the agent or attorney *de facto* of the persons specified in the first section of this act;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the bill, with amendments, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill to be entitled, An act in relation to the recording of deeds and other papers in Lafayette county,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—11.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act empowering Judges of Probate to grant orders to executors and administrators to sell real estate for distribution;

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Scott and Vann—10.

Nays—Mr. Russell of Jefferson—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Bill to be entitled, An act to amend An act to prevent the establishment of distilleries and the distilling of whiskey and other spirituous liquors, approved Dec. 15, 1863,

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to protect the citizens of Florida,

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

Resolution for the relief of R. E. Frier,

Was read a third time and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—12.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of county officers in certain cases with amendments,

Was read second time and amendments concurred in:

Mr. Hopkins presented the following amendment :

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the Governor be requested to commission such county officers as were duly elected by the people on the first Monday in October, 1864 ;

Which was adopted.

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

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act to allow the Supreme Courts of this State to hold extra terms in certain cases therein specified, approved Dec. 28, 1854,

Was read third time and put on its passage,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—11.

Nays—Mr. Duncan—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled, An act relating to the accounts of Ex-Governor M. S. Perry and H. V. Snell, late Quartermaster-General,

Was read third time and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—12.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution for the relief of the Tax Collector for Madison county,

Was read second time, and, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
November 30th, 1864. }

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

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

Resolution relative to adjournment ;

Resolution relative to the Standing Committees upon Taxation and Revenue.

Also,

Concurred in Senate motion in relation to Joint Rules.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

Also, the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
November 30th, 1864. }

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

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

A bill to be entitled, An act for the education of soldiers' children ;

A bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers ;

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act for the protection of cattle owners in the counties of Levy, Lafayette, Taylor, Wakkulla and Duval, approved November 27, 1863 ;

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend the laws providing for a stay of executions ;

A bill to be entitled, An act relative to holding Commissioners Courts in Lafayette county ;

A bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of soldiers' families ;

A bill to be entitled, An act to fix the county site of Brevard county and for other purposes ;

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and permanently locate the county site of Manatee county, approved December 5th, 1861 ;

A bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act to consolidate the offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Judge of Probate in and for the county of Manatee, approved December 8th, 1862 ;

Resolution in relation to the pay of members of the present session of the General Assembly.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

House bill to repeal an act to consolidate the offices of Clerk of the Circuit Courts and Judges of Probate of Manatee county,

Was read a first time, and, on motion, rule waived, and bill read a second and third time by title, and put on its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abererombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Scott and Vann—11.

Nays—Mr. Russell of Jefferson—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution in relation to the pay of members of the present session,

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

House bill for the education of soldiers' children,

Was read first time, rules waived, and read second time by title.

Mr. Holland presented the following amendment :

Strike out the words "one-third," in the fifth line of the third section, and insert "one-half ;"

Which was not adopted.

The rule was waived and the bill read a third time and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—12.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill for the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers.

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—12.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to amend An act for the protection of cattle owners in the counties of Lafayette, Taylor, Wakulla and Duval, approved Nov. 27, 1863,

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

House bill to amend the laws providing for the stay of executions;

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

House bill relative to holding Commissioner's Courts of Lafayette County,

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

House bill for the relief of soldiers' families,

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

On motion of Mr. Russell of Jefferson, 70 copies of the bill were ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

House bill to fix the county site of Brevard county and for other purposes,

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

House bill to amend An act to establish and permanently create the county site of Manatee county, approved Dec. 5, 1861,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—12.

Nays—none.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution relative to Committee on Taxation and Revenue,

Was read and adopted.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution relative to adjournment,

Was read first time.

Mr. Russell of Jefferson moved to lay the resolution on the table for the present.

The yeas and nays having been called for on the adoption of the above motion,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—6.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Clary, Duncan, Hopkins, King and Vann—6.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Hopkins moved to adopt the resolution.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Clary, Duncan, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—7.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Hogue, Holland and Vann—5.

So the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

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

FRIDAY, December 2, 1864.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. E. L. T. Blake.

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with and the journal approved.

The President declared motions in order.

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. Hogue to introduce, without previous notice,

Bill for the relief of Green Chairs;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. King to introduce, without previous notice,

An act relative to Judges of Probate;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Cooper offered the following

Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their influence in procuring the re-enactment of a certain act of Congress;

Which was adopted.