

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.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 1st, 1864. }

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate:

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

- Resolution of thanks to our soldiers;
- Resolution in relation to the rights of the States;
- Resolution in relation to estates of deceased persons, orphan and minor children and their protection from frauds;
- Resolution in relation to the Finance Committees;
- Senate joint resolution to appoint an agent at Columbus.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

Also, the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 1st, 1864. }

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate:

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

- Senate bill to be entitled, An act to amend the laws relative to slaves;
- House bill to be entitled, An act to provide for taking the census of 1865 in this State;
- House resolution to permit Bryant Gardner to fulfil a contract with the Confederate States.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

Mr. Arnow presented

Resolution relating to mails in this State;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Russell of Jefferson presented—

Resolution to amend the resolution relative to the destruction of Bonds and State Treasury notes;

Which was read and adopted.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

The Joint Select Committee appointed to examine the office of Register of Public Lands report that the duties of said office have been faithfully performed, so far as the committee have been able to ascertain. The office is in confusion, owing to the fact that the books and records were packed up in boxes in February last, under order of his Excellency the Governor, and remained so until a few days before the session of the General Assembly. There is not as perfect a system in the office as could be made if all the lands were sold under the same rules and regulations. At present the School, Seminary and Internal Improvement Lands, and the lands acquired by secession, are all under different regulations with respect to the manner of sale. It is impossible to make a thorough examination of the office in the limited time allowed the committee, and as the General Assembly have provided for the appointment of a committee to examine the office during the recess of the Legislature, the committee do not suppose it necessary for them to attempt a more minute investigation.

DUNCAN McMILLAN,  
Chairman House Committee.

JAMES A. PEDEN,  
K. M. MOORE.

D. P. HOGUE,  
Chairman Senate Committee.

JAMES D. CLARY,  
E. J. VANN.

Which was received.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bill as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled, An act to protect the citizens of Florida.

E. J. VANN, Ch'n.

Which was received.

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

Was read a third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs: Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill was passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution to permit Bryant Gardner to fulfil a contract with the Confederate States,

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

House bill to provide for taking the census in the year 1865 in this State,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, 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 in relation to Joint Appropriation Committee,

Was read and adopted.

House resolution in relation to estates of deceased persons, orphans, minor children, and their protection from frauds,

Was read and adopted.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution in relation to the rights of the States,

Was read first time.

Mr. Holland moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Confederate Relations ;

Which was lost.

Mr. Arnow moved to print seventy copies ;

Which was adopted.

House resolution of thanks to our soldiers,

Was read and adopted.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Green Chaires,

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

Bill to be entitled, An act relative to Judges of Probate,

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

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. 4, 1863,

Was read third time and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Hogue and Russell of Jefferson—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Holland, Hopkins, King, Scott and Vann—11.

So the bill was lost.

House bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act for the protec-

tion of cattle owners in the counties of Levy, Lafayette, Taylor, Wakulla and Duval, approved November 27, 1863,

Was read second time.

Mr. Vann moved to amend by striking out "1st day of August" and inserting "1st day of September."

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

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. Holland to introduce the following resolution :

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the thanks of the State are eminently due, and are hereby tendered, to the citizen soldiery of this State, who so gallantly met the enemy at Marianna, Gainsville and other points in the State, and whose glorious conduct exhibited the highest traits of a brave and free people, and whose example is worthy of the highest emulation, and should make the people of Florida to be like them—always ready to aid the constituted authorities, State or Confederate, in the defence of our common country. And while the State mourns the death of her martyred citizens, and sorrows for her captive sons, yet she glories in the high fame acquired by their efforts, and records their conduct among the brightest pages of her history.*

Which was read and unanimately adopted.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

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

Was read second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

Was read a second time and bill referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill relative to holding Commissioners' Courts of Lafayette county,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Holland moved that a committee be appointed to convey the resolution of thanks to the citizen soldiery ;

Which was adopted.

The President appointed as said committee, Messrs. Holland, King and Russell of Jefferson.

The committee retired and returned and reported they had performed their duty, and were discharged.

House bill relative to the appointment of county officers in certain cases,

Was read third time and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, 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 the pay of members of the present session,

Was read second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported that the House had rescinded the resolution of adjournment adopted by both Houses, and asked the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion, the action of the House was concurred in.

On motion, a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Holland, Vann and Abercrombie, to notify the House of the concurrence in above action.

House bill for the relief of soldiers' families,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, moved that the bill be made the special order for Monday next 10 o'clock ;

Which was adopted.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and informed that body that the House had adopted Senate resolution of thanks to the citizen soldiery of this State.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the resolution was ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 2d, 1864. }

Hon A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

SIR : The House has directed that a bill to be entitled " An act to allow the Supreme Courts of this State to hold extra terms in certain cases therein specified," approved December 28th, 1854, be

returned to the Senate, and request that the Senate amendments be perfected and the same returned to the House.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and amendments perfected and bill returned to the House.

Also, the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 2d, 1864. }

HON. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

SIR : The House has this day passed the Senate bill to entitled, An act to organize the militia troops for the State of Florida, with amendments.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

Bill to be entitled, An act to organize militia troops for the State of Florida, with House amendments,

Was read.

Mr. Holland moved that the House amendments to the Senate bill be concurred in.

Mr. Russell of Jefferson moved to amend Mr. Holland's motion, by taking up the bill by sections and acting on the House amendments to each section.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson and Vann—8.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Hopkins and Scott—5.

So the motion was adopted.

Mr. Arnow moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow afternoon 4 o'clock.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. Russell of Jefferson—1.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Scott and Vann—12.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Russell of Jefferson moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Hogue and Russell of Jefferson—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Holland, Hopkins, King, Scott and Vann—11.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Abercrombie moved to adjourn until 4 o'clock P. M.;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Holland moved the previous question;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Russell of Jefferson moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Duncan, Hogue and Russell of Jefferson—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Holland, Hopkins, King, Scott and Vann—9.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Holland moved to act upon each section of the bill separately with the House amendments.

Mr. Russell moved that Mr. Smith's amendment to 1st section be adopted.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—13.

Nays—none.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Abercrombie moved the adoption of Mr. Peden's amendment to 1st section.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was:

Yeas.—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—13.

Nays—none.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Abercrombie moved to adopt Mr. Williams' amendment to 1st section.

The yeas and nays having been called for by Messrs. Hopkins and Russell of Jefferson,

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—13.

Nays—None.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Hogue moved to adopt Mr. Peden's amendment to section three.

The yeas and nays having been called for by Messrs. Allison and Russell of Jefferson,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—13.

Nays—None.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Vann moved to adopt amendment to fourth section.

The yeas and nays having been called for by Messrs. Holland and Russell of Jefferson,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—13.

Nays—None.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Holland moved to adopt the amendments to the sixth section

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—13.

Nays—None.

So the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Hopkins moved the adoption of the amendments to the eighth section.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Scott and Vann—11.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, and Russell of Jefferson—2.

So the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Vann moved the adoption of the amendments to the tenth section.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Cooper, Duncan, Holland, Hopkins, King, Scott and Vann—9.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Hogue and Russell of Jefferson—4.

So the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Holland moved that the bill as amended be adopted.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The following was the vote :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Scott and Vann—11.

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

So the motion was adopted.

On motion, the bill was ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 2d, 1864. }

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate joint resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their influence in procuring the re-enactment of a certain act of Congress.

Senate joint resolution authorizing and requiring the Attorney General to print a general index of the decisions of the Supreme Court and for other purposes, with amendments.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of House of Representatives.

Which was read, and House amendments to Senate resolution referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and Senate resolution ordered to be enrolled.

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

SATURDAY, December 3d, 1864.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

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

On motion 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. Scott to introduce without previous notice,

Bill to be entitled, An act to authorize Wm. F. Russell to enter 160 acres of land;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.