

Mr. Brevard moved that the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock;
On which, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Abercrombie and Brevard.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Finegan, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Steele and Whitehurst—15.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Curry, Gorrie, Hendry, Oliveros, Ross, Turner, White and Woodruff—9.

So the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The President in the chair.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Jan. 9th, 1866.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House of Representatives has this day passed the following Senate bills, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the appointment of a Pilot at Cedar Keys;

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to authorize the sessions of the Circuit Court of Duval county to be held at Baldwin;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Duval county to issue bonds for the purpose therein named, and,

A bill to be entitled an act to allow additional compensation to the Justices of the Supreme Court, and the Judges of the Circuit Court of the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and the accompanying bills ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 9th, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House of Representatives has this day passed the following Senate resolutions, viz:

Resolution relative to copying the acts and resolutions passed at this General Assembly, with amendments;

Resolution relative to the pay of the Lieut. Governor;

Preamble and resolution in relation to the Freedman's Bureau; also,

Concurred in Senate amendments to House resolution for the appointment of Commissioners for the examination of the indebtedness of the State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and the resolutions as passed ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 9, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am instructed to certify to the Senate that the House of Representatives has this day passed the following bills, to-wit:

House bill to be entitled an act in relation to judicial proceedings and the appointment of referees in civil cases;

House bill for the relief of Mrs. Martha M. Reid; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to embody and amend certain acts in relation to exemption from sale of homesteads and other property.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Jan. 9th, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

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

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the several acts regulating pilotage on the St. Johns bar and river, with amendments;

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of members and officers of the General Assembly, with amendments; and,

Concurred to Senate amendments to House bill to be entitled an act to prevent the penning of cattle in certain months of the year.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and the accompanying bills ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Brevard offered the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "an act to provide for the incorporation of towns and cities in this State," beg leave to

REPORT

The same back to Senate with the following amendmets.

In 4th line of 1st section, after the word "than," insert the words "twenty-five."

In 6th line of 1st section, after the word "eight," insert the words "never less than five."

In 9th and 10th lines of section 2d, strike out the words "and shall be the owner of a lot in said town."

In 5th line of section 4th, strike out the words "two per centum," and insert the words "one half of one per centum."

In 6th line of section 5th, strike out the word "five" and insert the words "a majority." With these amendments, the passage of the bill is respectfully recommended.

The same committee beg leave to report as follows:

A bill to entitled "an act to repeal an act entitled an act to raise the salary of the State Treasurer and other officers therein named, approved Nov. 30th, 1868, which was referred to them.

The amounts of the salaries of the State House officers therein mentioned are moderate and proper, and under the existing circumstances of the depreciated condition of the currency, they do not think that it would be either justice or policy to diminish the same. The same reasons apply to the fees of Sheriffs and other county officers therein mentioned.

The committee therefore respectfully recommend that the bill do not pass.

T. W. BREVARD,
Ch'n Judiciary Committee.

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

Mr. Crawford made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred the following mentioned enrolled bills and resolutions of the House, and which were sent to the Senate for the signature of the Lieutenant Governor, that is:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing executors, administrators, trustees and guardians to contract for the hire of laborers and confirming contracts heretofore made.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Louis Lanier, administrator on the estate of John J. Hooker, late of Polk County, deceased.

A resolution for the relief of Eliza Stewart, and,

A resolution of thanks to General Foster, having examined the same report them as incorrectly enrolled, and respectfully recommend that they be returned to the House for re-enrollment.

JNO. L. CRAWFORD, Chm'n

Which was received and read.

Mr. Jordan made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills respectfully report as correctly engrossed,

A bill to be entitled an act to raise a revenue for the State of Florida, and,

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the support of indigent and helpless parents by their children.

EDWARD JORDAN,

Chairman *pro tem*.

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

Mr. Finegan made the following report:

The Joint Committee appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, and to whom was referred House bill entitled an act to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to amend the pleadings and practice in the Courts of this State, approved February 8th, 1861, have had the same under consideration, and after a free conference, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they find no reason why said bill should not pass, and would therefore recommend that it do pass the Senate.

A. M. MANNING,

Chm'n House Committee.

JOSEPH FINEGAN,

Chm'n Senate Committee.

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

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House bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to amend the pleadings and practice in the Courts of this State, approved February 8th, 1861,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Finegan, Hendry, Jordan, Poe, Roper, Ross and Vann—11.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Curry, Gorrie, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Whitehurst and Woodruff—15.

So the bill did not pass.

House bill to be entitled an act to embody and amend certain acts in relation to exemption from sale of homesteads and other property.

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

House bill for the relief of Mrs. Martha M. Reid,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide the mode and manner in which certain officers therein named may be impeached and removed from office.

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

The following communication was received from His Excellency the Governor, viz :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Tallahassee, January 9, 1866. }

Gentlemen of the General Assembly :

I have the honor to submit to your consideration the enclosed letter from the Pilots at the Port of St. Marks.

I rely upon your intelligence to suggest the means for the removal of the obstacles complained of.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. WALKER, Governor.

St. Marks, Florida,
January 9, 1866.

To His Excellency D. S. WALKER,
Governor of Florida:

GOVERNOR: We have the honor to transmit to your Excellency herewith a statement of the condition of the Port of St. Marks. There are certain obstructions laid down in the channel three miles below the port. Previous to their having been placed in the channel, vessels drawing eleven feet water could come up at full tide; there is only now eight and one half feet water can be taken round them. The obstruction consists of five log pens, twelve feet square filled with rock, which can be easily removed at an expense of not more than three thousand dollars. The class of vessels now plying to St. Marks, could if these obstructions were removed, discharge and take in their full cargoes at the wharf, whereas now they have to lighter at very heavy expense about one half their cargoes each way. The probable amount expended for lighterage alone since the opening of the port is not less than eight thousand dollars, to say nothing of frequent delays to vessels of five or ten days in waiting for lighterage or high water.

The general government is now obliged to keep a small steamer for lighterage at an expense of at least one thousand dollars per month.

We have the honor to be,
Your ob't servt's,
[Signed]

A. P. CRANE,
WM. STEWART,
C. E. MARTIN,
Pilots.

Which was read, and on motion the communication with accompanying documents were referred to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

House bill to be entitled an act in relation to Judicial proceedings and the appointment of referee in civil cases,

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

House resolution relative to adjournment,

Was read, and on motion of Mr. Cottrell laid upon the table.

House bill to locate permanently the county site of Brevard county,

Was read second time by its title and on motion, the bill was laid upon the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to raise the salary of the State Treasurer and other officers therein named, approved November 30th, 1863,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage.

On motion, the bill was put back upon its second reading and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Resolution relative to copying the acts and resolutions passed at the present session,

Came back upon its passage as amended by the House.

The Senate refused to concur in the amendment made by the House.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House.

Mr. Ross moved that there be appointed a committee of three as a committee of conference, and to ask that the House appoint a similar Committee on said resolution;

Which was agreed to, and the following committee appointed from the Senate, viz:

Messrs. Ross, Morrison and Whitehurst.

The Committee withdrew, and after a time returned and informed the President that they had notified the House of the action of the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the several acts regulating pilotage on the St. Johns bar and river,

Was read as amended by the House.

On motion, the amendment as made by the House was agreed to, and the same ordered to be certified to the House.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 9, 1866.

HON. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House of Representatives has this day passed the following Senate bill and House resolution, viz

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Escambia to borrow money for the purpose of building a Court House and Jail.

Preamble and resolution relative to Federal Relations, also,
Concurred to Senate amendments to House bill to be entitled an act to punish vagrants and vagabonds.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

A Committee from the House appeared at the Bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed by the House a Committee of conference on Senate resolutions relative to copying the laws of the present session.

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A bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of members and officers of the General Assembly,

Was read as amended by the House and on motion, the amendment as made by the House was agreed to.

Bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an act to raise a Revenue for the State of Florida,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Bird, Crawford, Curry, Finegan, Hendry, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Ross, Rousseau, Steele, Turner, Whitehurst and Woodruff—18.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Evans, Jordan, Kenan, Roper, Vann and White—7.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and reported that the House had passed the following bill, viz:

An act to authorize the cleaning out McGirth's creek in Duval county;

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the support of indigent and helpless parents by their children,

Was read a third time by its title and put upon its passage, and on motion, was passed over informally.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of towns and cities, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time, and on motion the amendments proposed by the Committee on the Judiciary were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the Militia of the State. Came up on its first reading.

On motion the Senate went into a Committee of the Whole on the bill.

Mr. White in the Chair.

After some time spent in the consideration of said bill,

On motion, the Committee of the Whole rose, and through their Chairman reported back the bill with its amendments to the Senate and asked to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was received, and committee discharged.

On motion, the amendments recommended by the committee were adopted.

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Mr. Roper moved to amend the bill section 23d, line 7th, insert after "militia," "when called into actual service;"

Which was agreed to.

Bill was ordered to be engrossed.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and notified the Senate that the House had refused to concur in the amendments made by the Senate to the House bill to be entitled an act concerning testimony and requested that a committee of conference from the Senate be appointed to act thereon;

Which was granted, and the following committee appointed, viz: Messrs. Cottrell, White and Roper.

A committee from the House appeared at the Bar and notified the Senate that the House had appointed them a committee to request the Senate to appoint a similar committee to confer on fixing a day for the adjournment of this General Assembly.

The Chair appointed the following committee viz:

Messrs. Brevard, Owens and Jordan.

On motion the Senate took a recess till 10 minutes to 3 o'clock, P. M.

TEN NINUTES TO THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. Roper to make the following report:

The committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the several acts regulating pilotage on the St. Johns bar and river, report the same as correctly engrossed.

J. H. ROPER, Chm'n.

Which was received and read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Steele made the following report:

The Joint Special Committee appointed under a resolution directing them "to take into consideration, and make report by bill or otherwise as early as practicable, what means if any, the State should employ to encourage the immigration of hardy laborers from Europe to revive her industry and develop her great resources," have had the same under consideration, and direct me to

REPORT:

That impressed with the importance of the subject embraced in the foregoing resolution, they have considered it maturely. While

they recognize the great advantages to be derived to the State by means of immigration of industrious and intelligent foreign laborers, still, in the present crippled condition of the financial resources of the State, and in view of the experiment which she is now making through her legislation, to direct and utilize the class of laborers already in her midst, the committee can see no means at her command to be used to advantage in the encouragement of immigration, and think that for the present at least, her efforts should be confined to the government and training of her present class of laborers.

While proposing inaction on the part of the State, it is not intended to discourage the efforts of private enterprise and capital to introduce such numbers, and classes of immigrants as the wants of society may require, as the law of demand and supply will govern the interests of society. It is believed that foreign intelligence will soon become apprised of the advantages offered to immigrants to enter the State, purchase her land and appropriate to themselves the superior advantages offered by her climate and soil, so admirably adapted to diversified productions, many of which are peculiarly appropriate to foreign enterprise and habits of life.

Respectfully submitted,

HOLMES STEELE,
Chairman,
THOMAS M. WHITE,
SAM'L H. OWENS,
Senate Committee.

P. B. BROKAW,
Chairman,
H. R. TEASDALE,
JOHN S. MORING,
WM. W. WILLS,
C. G. FIFE,
House Committee.

Which was received and read.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 9, 1866.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,
President of the Senate :

SIR : The House has this day refused to concur in the Senate amendments to House bill to be entitled an act concerning testimony; also, House bill to be entitled an act prescribing additional penalties for the commission of offences against the State and for other purposes.

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The House has appointed a committee of conference relative to said bills and amendments and requests the appointment of a similar committee on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, and on motion, Messrs. Cottrell, White and Roper were appointed a committee of conference on the part of the Senate.

On motion, the rule was waived in order to allow the Committee on Enrolled Bills to make a report:

Mr. Crawford made the following report:

Committee on Enrolled bills beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have examined and find correctly enrolled a bill to be entitled an act providing for the appointment of a Pilot at Cedar Keys.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD, Chairman.

Mr. Brevard moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Roper moved to reconsider the vote on adjournment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brevard moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

So the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 11th, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Mr. White, President *pro tem.*, in the chair.

On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Abercrombie moved that the Senator from the 17th district be excused after to-day, from further attendance on the Senate during this session.

Which was agreed to.