

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.

A committee from the House appeared at the Bar and informed the Senate that the House had refused to pass resolutions to adjourn on Saturday.

Which was received.

Mr. Ross moved that the Senator from Nassau be excused after to-day until Tuesday next.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Jan., 10, 1866.

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

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

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the stay of executions;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize certain parties to remove the obstructions in the Apalachicola River placed there during the war and to compensate them therefor;

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent camp or fire hunting in the counties of Taylor and Lafayette; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the boundary lines between the whites and Indians.

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,
January 9, 1866.

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

SIR—The House of Representatives has this day passed the following House bill, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to extend and increase the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace; also,

Concured to Senate amendments to House bill to be entitled an act giving further time to purchasers of school and seminary lands to complete their payments; also,

Concured to Senate amendments to House resolution relative to certificates of members and officers of this General Assembly.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Crawford made the following report :

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

A bill to be entitled an act for the adoption of two children by J. B. Askew and S. J. Askew ; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to establish and enforce the marriage relations between persons of color,

Have examined the same, and report said bills as incorrectly enrolled, and recommend that they be returned to the House for re-enrollment ;

Also, as correctly enrolled,

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

A bill 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 the County of Escambia to borrow money for the purpose of building a Court-House and Jail ;

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

A preamble and resolution in relation to the Freedmen's Bureau ; and,

A resolution relative to the pay of the Lieutenant Governor.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
Chairman.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Brevard made the following report :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled an act to provide the mode and manner in which certain officers may be impeached and removed from office,"

REPORT :

That they have had in consideration this matter, and, in their opinion, the Constitution has provided a way for the removal of all civil officers, and therefore recommend that the said bill do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Mr. Brevard made the following report :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to embody and amend certain acts in relation to exemption from sale of homesteads and other property,"

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the said bill do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. BREVARD,
Chairman.

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

Mr. Gorrie made the following report :

The Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the matter of the election holden in Brevard county, on the 13th of December, 1865,

REPORT:

That they have had the same in consideration, and that there has been no evidence submitted to them to show that there was not an election holden on the proper date as provided in the constitution, and therefore your committee have arrived at the conclusion that the election of the 13th of December, 1865, was illegal and without authority, and they recommend that the resolution declaring said election legal, do not pass.

JOHN M. GORRIE,
Chm'n pro tem. Com. on Elections.

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

Mr. Ross made the following report :

The Joint Committee, to whom was referred the disagreement of the two Houses relative to Senate resolutions relating to the copying the acts and resolutions passed at the present session, have had the same under consideration, and find that it has been the invariable custom of all previous Legislatures of this State, by resolution, to employ some specific person to perform the service, and has never heretofore conferred the appointing of such person to the Secretary of State, and therefore concur in recommending the House to recede

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from its amendments, and pass the resolutions as they came from the Senate.

WALTER. T. SAXON,
Chm'n House Committee.
WM. B. ROSS,
Chm'n Senate Committee.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Brevard made the following report :

The Committee of Conference, appointed by the two Houses, to fix upon a day certain for the adjournment of the General Assembly, *sine die*, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the business before the Legislature can be disposed of during the present week ; they therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following joint resolution.

T. W. BREVARD,
Chm'n Senate Committee.
E. D. HOWSE,
Chm'n House Committee.

Which was received and read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Joint resolution in regard to adjournment,
Was read and adopted.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

Mr. Brevard moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the House of the action of the Senate in regard to adjournment ;

Which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell and Evans, who retired and after a brief absence returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and asked to be discharged.

The report was received and committee discharged.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Mrs. Martha M. Reid,

Came up on its third reading.

Mr. Abercrombie moved that said bill be put back upon its second reading for amendment ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Abercrombie moved to amend by striking out all after the enacting clause, and insert "that every member of this General Assembly contribute from his *per diem*, to Mrs. Martha M. Reid, twenty-five dollars, and that the Comptroller is required to deduct said amount from the sums appropriated for the pay of the members of this General Assembly, and draw a warrant on the treasury for the

amount, and that the Treasurer pay to Mrs. Martha M. Reid said amount.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the bill with its amendment lie on the table.

The yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Kenan and Abercrombie.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Curry, Jordan, Morrison, Vann and White—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Bird, Brevard, Evans, Gorrie, Hendry, Kenan, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner and Whitehurst—18.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Jordan moved to amend the amendment by adding after "Martha M. Reid," "Mrs. E. A. Harris and Mrs. Rebecca Morris;"

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Evans moved to amend as follows :

To strike out in fifth line, the word "six," and insert "three;"

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Roper moved to amend as follows : by striking out all after the enacting clause and insert—

That each member of this Legislature be required to deposit with the Secretary of State ten dollars from their *per diem* wages for the benefit of Mrs. Reid ;

Which was not agreed to.

Rule waived, bill read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Evans, Gorrie, Hendry, Kenan, Oliveros, Owens, Richard, Ross, Steele, Turner and Whitehurst—13.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Curry, Jordan, Morrison, Pearce, Roper, Rosseau, Vann, White and Woodruff—13.

There being a tie, the President exercised his constitutional privilege and gave the casting vote, aye.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an act to pay certain commissioners therein named ;

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

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 concurred to Senate amendments to the following bills :

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the contracts of persons of color ;

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to apprentices ;

A bill to be entitled an act in addition to an act entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act concerning marriages, approved January 23d, 1832 ; and,

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the sale of escheated lands belonging to the estate of John Eaton, deceased.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read.

Bill 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.

Mr. Ross moved to amend as follows : that all of the county officers and State officers (except Solicitors,) mentioned in the tariff of fees in Thompson's digest in 1846 shall or may receive fifty per cent, additional in the original tariff of fees, and no more.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brevard moved that the bill with its amendment be laid upon the table ;

Which was not agreed to.

On motion the bill and amendment was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Kenan, Ross and Bird.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Jan. 11, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate :

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

A Senate bill to be entitled an act to require the children of destitute persons to provide for the support of said persons ; and

Rescinded the House amendments to Senate resolution relative to

copying the acts and resolutions passed at this session of the General Assembly; also,

Have advised and consented to the nominations made in the enclosed communication by his Excellency, the Governor, and respectfully request the confirmation thereof by the Senate.

Very respectfully,

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

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 8th, 1866.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I respectfully make the following nominations:

For Columbia county—Auctioneers: A. J. T. Wright, and C. H. B. Collins.

For Hernando county—Auctioneer: T. B. Law.

For Leon county—Auctioneer: John H. Rhodes.

For Monroe county—Auctioneers: Moses Isaacs and E. O. Guinn.

For Marion county—Auctioneer: J. J. Kirkland.

For Madison county—Auctioneer: Allen D. Cochran.

Please certify to the Senate.

I have the honor to be,

Most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. WALKER,
Governor.

Which was read.

The accompanying bill ordered to be enrolled, and the nominations made therein confirmed.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 8, 1866.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the relief of disabled indigent soldiers and their destitute widows and orphans;

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a board of Port Wardens for the port of Pensacola and regulating pilots.

Very respectfully,

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

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Which was read and the accompanying bills 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 the third time.

On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, was indefinitely postponed.

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

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

House bills preamble and resolutions of Committee on Federal Relations,

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 entitled an act to authorize the clearing out McGirth's Creek in Duval County,

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

On motion, the bill was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

House bill to be entitled an act to extend and increase the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Ross moved to lay the bill on the table;

Which was not agreed to.

On motion, rule waived, and bill read a second and third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Finegan, Gorrie, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Richard, Roper, Rossean, Steele Vann, White and Woodruff—16.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Bird, Brevard, Hendry, Pearce, Ross, Turner and Whitehurst—9.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled an act to prevent non-residents from camp or fire-hunting in the counties of Taylor and Lafayette,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Finegan, Hendry, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Richard, Steele, Vann, White and Whitehurst—19.

Nays—Messrs. Gorrie, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Turner and Woodruff—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

House bill entitled an act to abolish the boundary lines between the whites and Indians,

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

On motion of Mr. Ross, the bill was referred to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize certain parties to remove the obstructions in the Apalachicola river, placed therein during the war, and to compensate them therefor,

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

On motion of Mr. Kenan, the bill was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Evans, White and Crawford.

House bill to be entitled an act providing for the stay of executions,

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

On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

Was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Abercrombie the bill was indefinitely postponed.

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 second time.

Mr. Kenan moved to amend the bill by striking out "one thousand," wherever it occurs in the bill, and insert "two thousand,"

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved to amend the bill by making the following an additional section;

Sec. *And be it further enacted,* That in addition to the lands mentioned in the 4th section of this act there shall be exempt from sale, levy or distress under or by virtue of any process mesne or final, issued on any decree, judgment or order in any civil action or suit rendered in any Court of this State, forty acres of land for each child of any and every family in this State, the said land to be held for the use of said family.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Brevard moved that fifty copies of the bill be printed for the use of the Senate.

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On motion of Mr. Kenan, the rules were waived in order to allow him to introduce the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Elections be instructed to examine the returns of an election held in the 6th Senatorial district, on the 29th day of November, 1865, for Senator from said district and report whether there was any one chosen who is constitutionally qualified to represent said district in this General Assembly.

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Senate took a recess till 3 o'clock, p. m.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

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

Mr. Hendry moved that Mr. Curry, the Hon. Senator from the 24th district, be relieved from further attendance at this session of the General Assembly ;

Which was agreed to.

House resolutions to pay certain commissioners therein named, Was read the first time and the resolutions placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the relief of disabled indigent soldiers and their destitute widows and orphans,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Evans, Finegan, Gorrie, Hendry, Kenan, Oliveros, Owens, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, Whitehurst and Woodruff—16.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Pearce and Poe—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled an act to establish a Board of Port Wardens for the Port of Pensacola, and regulating Pilots, &c.,

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

Resolution relative to the officers of Brevard county,

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

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

The Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to organize the militia of this State; and also,

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of members and officers of the General Assembly, report the same as correctly engrossed.

JOHN H. ROPER,
Chairman.

Which was received and read.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the militia of this State,
Was read the third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Finegan, Gorrie, Hendry, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, White and Whitehurst—24.

Nays—Messrs. Roper and Woodruff—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

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

FRIDAY, January 12th, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The President in the chair.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

A Committee from the House appeared at the Bar and informed the Senate that the House had reconsidered the vote taken on yesterday on the bill entitled an act to provide for the relief of disabled indigent soldiers and their destitute widows and orphans; and as the Senate have passed the same, to request that they take similar action thereon and return the bill to the House.

Messrs. Cottrell, Pearce and Abercrombie asked leave to have spread upon the Journal the following :

The undersigned desire the following spread upon the journal as their reasons for their dissent to the action of the Senate in passing the bill to be entitled "An act for the relief of Mrs. Martha M. Reid," and also the bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the relief of disabled indigent soldiers and their destitute widows and orphans."