

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."

The power of the Legislature to levy and raise revenue or taxes, by the second clause of the eighth article of the Constitution is limited not only as to the amounts to be levied and raised, but also as to the objects and purposes for which the same is to be levied. The objects are declared to be "the necessary expenses of Government." Taxes and revenue can then be only raised and levied to defray the "necessary expenses of Government," and of course can be appropriated for no other purpose or object.

In the opinion of the undersigned, the appropriation made by and in said bills are not included in the terms "necessary expenses of Government," and hence they voted against the same.

J. L. F. COTTRELL,
E. A. PEARCE,
JAMES ABERCROMBIE.

Mr. Baker moved that the Senate reconsider the vote taken on yesterday upon House bill entitled an act to provide for the relief of disabled indigent soldiers and their destitute widows and orphans;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hendry moved the following:

That the bill in relation to permanently locating the county site of Brevard county be placed back upon its second reading to enable him to offer an amendment;

And the bill by unanimous consent of the Senate was placed back upon its second reading.

Mr. Pearce moved the following:

That the Senator from the 8th Senatorial District be excused from attendance on the Senate to-morrow.

Agreed to.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 11th, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Deeming it necessary to keep up the engrossing of the Senate, I have appointed Mr. George Lewis as assistant engrossing clerk.

Very respectfully,

F. L. VILLEPIGUE,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was received and read.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the several acts of this State in relation to working the roads and highways;

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

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Mr. Cottrell moved that the bill to be entitled an act to provide for the relief of disabled destitute soldiers and their widows and orphans, be returned to the House;

Which was agreed to.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January —, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate :

Sir : The House of Representatives has passed the following bill, viz :

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Secretary of the late State Convention.

Permit me to state that the said bill should have been sent to the Senate on the 4th inst., but was accidentally misplaced.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 12, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate :

Sir : The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, viz :

Senate bill to be entitled an act to raise a revenue for the State of Florida, with amendments;

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Lafayette county; and,

House bill to be entitled an act to increase the powers of the Mayor or Intendant of any city or incorporated town in this State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had rescinded its action on reconsidering the vote of the House on the bill to be entitled an act to provide for the relief of disabled indigent soldiers and their destitute widows and orphans, the action of the House being in violation of the 19th

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standing rule of the House, which requires the bill to be in possession of the House at the time, and that the action of the House be conveyed to the Senate by the appointment of a committee.

Mr. Ross offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint Tax Assessors and Collectors in certain cases;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, and bill read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives, viz:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Jan. 12th, 1866. }

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

SIR: The House of Representatives has adopted the following resolutions, viz:

Resolution relative to enforcing the sixth section of the Internal Improvement Act;

Resolution relative to enrolled bills; also,

Laid on table, Senate resolution construing the sixth clause of the XVII Article of the Constitution of this State; also,

Refused to rescind the action of the House in non-concurring of the House to Senate amendments to House bill to be entitled an act concerning testimony.

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

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

Mr. Vann made the following report:

The Committee on All Subjects Connected with the Colored Population of the State, to whom was referred the message of His Excellency the Governor, directing the attention of the Legislature to the subject of schools for Freedmen, has had the matter under consideration, and respectfully

REPORT:

That they deem it of the highest importance to the future welfare and peace of the people of Florida, that the State shall take into its own keeping, every matter appertaining to the social and political relations existing between the white and colored population within her borders, believing as they do, that the people of this State, and of the South generally, are as deeply interested in the welfare, happiness and advancement of the Freedmen, as any other

people, and are as willing, as anxious and as competent to do them justice in every relation that they sustain to the Government, the State and the people, not less the subject of education, than any other. They therefore report the accompanying bill, entitled "an act concerning schools for Freedmen," for the consideration of the Senate.

E. J. VANN,
Chairman.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Crawford made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled bills ask leave to report the following bills and resolutions as correctly enrolled, viz:

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

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

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

Resolutions relative to copying the acts and resolutions passed at the present session.

JNO. L. CRAWFORD,
Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Oliveros made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the cleaning out of McGirth's Creek in Duval County, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That in their opinion the improvement proposed by Miles Price in cleaning out said creek, will enable much valuable timber to reach market, and they recommend the bill do pass with the following amendment as an additional section:

Sec. 3d. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Miles Price be required to have said work completed in not less than six months after the passage of this act, and that the said Miles Price be further required to keep said creek in navigable order for rafts, &c., and if failing to do so, shall be fined in a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. OLIVEROS.

Chairman *pro tem*. Committee on Internal Improvements.

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

Mr. Whitehurst made the following report:
The Committee on Schools and Colleges beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the subject under close and zealous attention, and have given to the cause of education as provided for by the State, every consideration which the possession of official data, and the warm interest of its numerous friends have afforded, in enabling them to form their several opinions.

That the education of youth should have suffered in common with other interests of Florida, during the continuance of the late war, is a painful truth, but it is rather a matter of surprise, as well as gratulation, that amid its anxieties and cares, and the sufferings of its people, that efforts were made to keep alive, feeble as they were, the sacred duty of educating its children, and giving them even such occasional opportunities for instruction.

The condition of the funds as available and officially reported to the General Assembly, will not, in the opinion of this Committee, be of any practical advantage to the cause, and they therefore recommend that the county Superintendents be empowered with authority to appropriate the share due each county to the payment of the tuition of indigent children, as far as practicable in their respective sections. This disposition presupposes the collection of interest due, and its apportionment by the State Superintendent according to the existing law.

As the several counties have failed to assess a tax for school purposes as provided for in the school act, approved January 1st, 1853, and as the interest due the school fund, from the investment of its bonds, is wholly inadequate to inaugurate any practical system for the establishment of common schools throughout the State, and the Senate have declined to make any additional appropriations for common school purposes, the Committee deem it unnecessary now to make any other suggestions.

With peace in the land, and the prosperity of its people, which the future promises, secured, one can safely hope that the next Assembly will provide such means of instruction for the children of the State as will evince their estimate of its importance and value, and who will find a gratifying reward in the growing intelligence of its youthful population.

D. W. WHITEHURST,
Chairman.

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

Mr. Roper made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of towns and cities, and for other purposes; and also,

Resolutions relative to the officers Brevard County, respectfully report the same as correctly engrossed.

J. H. ROPER, Ch'n.

Which was received and read.

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the House be requested to return to the Senate a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the relief of disabled indigent soldiers and their destitute widows and orphans, and that a committee be appointed to communicate this request to the House,

Which was adopted, and the President appointed the following committee: Messrs. Cottrell, Ross and Pearce.

The committee retired, and after a brief absence returned and reported that they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged;

Which was agreed to.

The rule being waived, Mr. Cottrell made the following report:

The committee of the Senate appointed to confer freely with the committee of conference appointed by the House on the subject of disagreement between the Senate and House on the bill to be entitled "an act prescribing additional penalties for the commission of offences against the State, and for other purposes,"

REPORT:

That they have had free conference with the committee on the part of the House, and the said committees have agreed to reconcile the differences by recommending that the House do agree to the amendment of the Senate.

J. L. F. COTTRELL,
Chairman Senate Committee.
A. J. PEELER,
Chairman House Committee.

Which was received and read.

The rule being waived, Mr. Abercrombie moved to reconsider the vote on indefinitely postponing the bill entitled an act to provide the mode and manner in which certain officers therein named may be impeached and removed from office;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Abercrombie moved that the bill be placed back upon its second reading and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with instructions to report the bill with such amendments as may be nec-

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Which was agreed to.

Mr. Kenan moved that the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, to whom was referred the special message of the Governor of January 9th, 1866, together with a communication from certain Pilots at the Port of St. Marks, be instructed to report by bill or otherwise, on to-morrow, if not sooner;

Which was agreed to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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 second time.

Mr. Pearce offered to amend Section 1, 3d line, by adding after the word "persons," "two of whom are to be appointed from Milton and three from Pensacola." Strike out in same section, 4th line, the words "from among the citizens of Pensacola."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gorrie moved to amend Section 2d, 2d line, by striking out the word "county," and inserting the word "counties," and after the word "Escambia," insert the words "and Santa Rosa."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Abercrombie moved to amend Section 6, 4th line, after the word "men," add the words "who shall be well acquainted with the pilot grounds, bars, shoals, currents, &c."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gorrie moved to amend Section 7, 10th line, by striking out after the word "harbor," all the clause up to the word "that," in 11th line.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Abercrombie moved to amend by adding after the close of 13th Section, the words "*And provided further,* That the provisions of this section shall not apply to the master or person having a vessel in charge, which vessel is engaged in the domestic trade in the waters of Santa Rosa county, or in the Bay and Harbor of Pensacola."

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the bill as amended was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Committee from the House appeared at the Bar and informed the Senate that the House had appointed a committee on the part of the House to wait upon the Senate and to request the appointment of a similar committee, whose duty it should be to frame joint rules for the government of both Houses of this General Assembly;

Which was received and the Senate ordered that the committee appointed on joint resolutions at the beginning of the session, be instructed to confer with the committee of the House.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Jan. 12th, 1866.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I have the honor to recommend the adoption of the enclosed resolutions. If these resolutions are adopted, I am assured that I will be able to negotiate the loan referred to with but little delay. If the resolutions are not adopted I may be unable to make the negotiation.

I have the honor to be,

Most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. WALKER,
Governor.

Which was read and the communication and accompanying document referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Gorrie, Abercrombie and Richard.

The following communication was received from His Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 13th, 1866.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I respectfully make the following nomination for Wakulla county For weigher of cotton at the Port of St. Marks—A. P. Crane.
For Duval county—Commissioner of Fisheries—Henry E. Holmes.
For Manatee county—Auctioneer—John Curry, Sr.

Your obedient servant,

D. S. WALKER,
Governor.

Which was read and the nominations therein made confirmed.

Ordered to be certified to the Governor.

A Committee from the House appeared at the Bar and returned to the Senate the bill entitled an act to provide for the relief of disabled and indigent soldiers and their destitute widows and orphans;

Which was received and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for its third reading.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 12th, 1866.

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

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

Senate bill to be entitled an act to permanently locate the county
site of Wakulla county;

A Senate bill to be entitled an act to fix the salaries and compen-
sation of the Solicitors of this State; and,

Senate bill to be entitled an act to fix the rates of interest on mon-
ey, bonds, notes and judgments.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and the bills ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House of
Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 12, 1866.

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

SIR: The House of Representatives has this day passed the fol-
lowing bills and resolutions, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower the
Governor to reorganize the municipal government of certain towns
and cities;

Senate resolution requesting His Excellency, Andrew Johnson, to
pardon Jefferson Davis; and,

House resolution to legalize the election of Brevard county, held
on the 29th day of November, 1865.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, the Senate bill and resolution ordered to be en-
rolled and the House resolution placed among the orders of the day.

House bill entitled an act to provide for the relief of disabled in-
digent soldiers and their destitute widows and orphans,

Came up on its third reading,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Evans, Hendry, Kenan, Morrison, Olive-
ros, Owens, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, Whitehurst and Wood-
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Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Jordan, Pearce and Roper—5.

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House preamble and resolutions of Committee on Federal Relations, was read the third time and put upon its passage.
Mr. Vann moved to strike out the word "rebellion," wherever it occurs, and insert the word "war."

Which was adopted.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Hendry, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, Whitehurst and Woodruff—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed as amended—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

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

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Governor's message and accompanying documents,

REPORT :

That they have had the same under consideration, and to accomplish the recommendations and suggestions of the Governor, beg leave to report the following resolutions and recommend their passage.

JOHN M. GORRIE,

Chairman Select Committee.

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

Resolutions authorizing the Governor to issue one or more bonds of the State of Florida,

Was read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Gorrie, Hendry, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, White and Whitehurst—20.

Nays—Mr. Woodruff—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

The following communication was received from the House :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 12th, 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 memorial, viz :

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the records of Bradford county and for other purposes;
Memorial to Congress for the establishment of certain mail routes.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Was received and read and the bill ordered to be enrolled and the memorial placed among the orders of the day.

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

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

Bill to be entitled an act to raise a revenue for the State of Florida,

Came up on its third reading as amended by the House.

On motion, the Senate concurred in the amendments as adopted by the House.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, the rules were waived and Mr. Abercrombie made the following report:

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred resolutions authorizing the Governor to appoint Assessors and Collectors in certain cases.

REPORT:

They have had the same under consideration and recommend it do not pass.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Chm'n.

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

Resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint Tax Assessors and Collectors in certain cases,

Was read second time.

Mr. Oliveros offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That it shall be the duty of the Register of Public Lands to furnish the Tax Collec

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REPRESENTATIVES,
January 12th, 1866.

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fors and Assessors of said counties with a list of all grants in their respective counties, and they be required to assess and collect the tax required by law;

Which was adopted.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Gorrie, Hendry, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

Resolutions relative to the officers of Brevard county,

Were read second time, and on motion, laid on the table.

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

Was read the third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Gorrie, Hendry, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize the cleaning out of McGirth's Creek in Duval county,

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the education of the indigent youth of the State of Florida,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and on motion, referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

An act concerning schools for freedmen,

Was read the first time and on motion of Mr. Kenan, ordered to be printed for a second reading on to-morrow.

House resolution relative to the enforcing the 6th section of the Internal Improvement act,

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

House bill entitled an act for the relief of the Secretary of the late State Convention,

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

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Mr. Gorrie moved to amend by adding the following:

"*Provided*, That the said A. J. Peeler has published, at his own expense, a correct copy of the constitution, as the one published under his supervision omits the proper boundaries of this State;"

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the rule was waived and the bill as amended read the third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Gorrie, Hendry, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—20.

Nays—Mr. Jordan—1

So the bill passed as amended—title as stated.

Mr. Brevard moved to reconsider the vote;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brevard moved to reconsider the vote upon the amendment as offered by Mr. Gorrie;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gorrie asked permission to withdraw the amendment;

So the amendment was withdrawn.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Gorrie, Hendry, Kenan, Morrison, Owens, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—18.

Nays—Messrs. Jordan, Oliveros and Pearce—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

On motion, rules waived to allow Mr. Kenan to make the following report:

The Committee on Elections, to whom was referred resolution requiring them 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 to report whether at said election there was any choice, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT:

That upon examination of the returns of said election as filed in the office of Secretary of State, they find that the whole number of votes polled for Senator at said election was 69; of these John McClellan received 42, and John S. Richards received 21, and Robert Gregory received 6.

The Senate have already determined that John McClellan was ineligible, for want of sufficient residence. Your committee are of the opinion that the voters of the 6th Senatorial district were laboring under a misapprehension of the requirements of the Constitution adopted at a convention of the people, begun and holden on the 25th day of October, 1865; and furthermore, that no one who was constitutionally qualified having received a majority of the votes polled at said election, therefore your committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That at an election for Senator in the 6th Senatorial district, held on the 29th day of November, 1865, there was no choice.

Be it further resolved, That the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to order an election for Senator in the 6th Senatorial district at such time as he may think proper.

D. L. KENAN,
Chairman Committee on Elections.

Which was received and the resolutions adopted.

House resolutions relative to enrolled bills,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 12, 1866.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House of Representatives has passed—

Senate preamble and resolutions providing for an application to Congress to rebuild the court-house and jail of the county of Duval;

House bill to be entitled an act to make dogs taxable property, and for other purposes;

House bill to be entitled an act in relation to names of certain persons in this State;

House memorial to Congress for the change of a mail route in the State of Florida; and

House resolution in relation to publishing the laws of the 13th session of the General Assembly.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Jan. 12, 1866.

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

SIR: I am requested by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the nominations made and contained in the within communication from his Excellency the Governor has been advised and consented to by the House of Representatives, and request that the nominations be confirmed by the Senate.

Very respectfully,

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

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, January 10, 1866.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I respectfully make the following nominations:

- For Leon county—Auctioneer: C. H. Fisher,
 - For Levy county—Auctioneer: Simeon A. Edwards.
 - For Walton county—Auctioneers; Philip D. McSwain and Hon-ry Reddick.
 - For Pilot of the Port of Cedar Keys—Samuel Johnson.
- Please certify to the Senate.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient ser'vt,

D. S. WALKER,
Governor.

Which was received and read and the nominations therein made confirmed.

The following communication was received from His Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Tallahassee, January 10, 1866.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I respectfully make the following nominations for Judges of the County Criminal Courts:

- For Levy County—Wm. R. Coulter.
- For Manatee County—Enoc E. Mizell.
- For Nassau County—Felix Livingston.
- For Franklin County—Nathan Baker.

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- For Duval County—Aristides Doggett.
- For Columbia County—Green H. Hunter.
- For Suwannee County—John F. White.
- For Hillsborough County—John Darling.
- For Escambia County—C. N. Jordan.
- For Alachua County—Junius C. Gardner.
- For Calhoun County—Thomas M. Bush.
- For Walton County—Daniel McLeod.
- For Santa Rosa County—John Chain.
- For Leon County—E. L. T. Blake.
- For Jefferson County—M. H. Strain.
- For Wakulla County—David Lewis.
- For Madison County—J. Tillman.
- For Hamilton County—Henry J. Stewart.

I have the honor to be,
 Most respectfully,
 Your obd't servant.

D. S. WALKER,
 Governor.

Which was received.

On motion, the Senate went into executive session, and the nominations therein made confirmed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Governor.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Lafayette county;

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

The following communication was received from the House and read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
 Jan. 12, 1866.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House of Representatives has this day passed House "resolution in relation to publishing the laws of the 13th session of the General Assembly;" also,

The House has adopted Senate amendment to House resolutions relative to the direct taxes due the United States by the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And the accompanying resolution placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled an act to increase the powers of the Mayor or Intendant of any city or incorporated town in this State,

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

Bill entitled an act to locate permanently the county site of Brevard county,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Hendry offered the following amendment:

"Provided, however, That a majority of the qualified voters of said county petition to the Judge of Probate expressing a desire to hold an election for the purpose of permanently locating said county site;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the rule was waived and bill as amended read third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Hendry, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, Whitehurst and Woodruff—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

House resolution to pay certain commissioners therein named,

Was read second time and on motion referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

House resolution to legalize the election of Brevard county held on the 23d of November, 1865,

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

House memorial to Congress for the establishment of mail routes in the State of Florida,

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

Mr. Morrison offered the following amendment:

"From Marianna to Milton, via Ucheeanna."

Which was agreed to.

The bill as amended was placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the several acts of this State in relation to working roads and highways,

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

House bill to be entitled an act to make dogs taxable property and for other purposes,

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

Mr. Oliveros moved to amend by inserting after the word "killed," the word "hanging."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gorrie moved to amend by adding the following:
"Be it further enacted, That the city of Apalachicola shall be exempt from the operation of this act."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Jordan moved to amend by adding the following additional section:

Be it further enacted, That the counties of Taylor and Lafayette be exempted from the operations of this act;

Which was not agreed to.

On motion, the bill as amended was referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

House bill to be entitled an act in relation to the names of certain persons in this State,

Was read the first time, rule waived, bill read second time by its title and on motion, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,

House memorial to Congress for the change of a mail route in the State of Florida,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Brevard, Cottrell; Crawford, Evans, Gorrie, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
 January 12th, 1866.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The House of Representatives has this day passed a Senate bill to be entitled an act to organize the militia of this State, with amendments.

House resolution in relation to the pay and mileage of the members and officers of this General Assembly.

Very respectfully,

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

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

House resolution in relation to publishing the laws of the thirtieth session of the General Assembly,

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

House resolution in relation to the pay and mileage of the members and officers of this session of the General Assembly.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the militia of this State.

Was read the third time, on motion, the amendments made by the House were agreed to by the Senate.

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

SATURDAY, January 13th, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Oliveros moved, that Mr. Thomas, officer of the Senate, be excused from attending on the Senate until three o'clock this afternoon;

Which was agreed to.

On motion, Mr. Cottrell was excused from further attendance on the Senate from and after Monday next.

On motion, Mr. Poe was excused from further attendance on the Senate after this day.

On motion, Mr. White was excused from further attendance on the Senate after this day.

On motion, Mr. Hendry was excused from further attendance on the Senate after this day.

Mr. Ross made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred a resolution to pay certain Commissioners therein named, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That the Committee think that the sum of two hundred dollars would be a fair and liberal compensation for the work mentioned in the resolution.

WM. B. ROSS,
Chairman Finance Committee.