

Mr. Cottrell asked that the rules might be waived to allow the Committee on the state of the Commonwealth to make a report; which was refused.
On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 23d, 1865.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The President in the chair.

The Journal was read and approved.

Mr. Abercrombie moved that the Door-keeper be excused from attendance on the Senate until Wednesday next at 10 o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Vann, Hon. J. L. Cottrell was excused from attendance in the Senate till 10th January, 1866.

According to previous notice, Mr. Ross introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the inhabitants of the State from carrying fire-arms;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

According to previous notice, Mr. Hendry introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to punish certain persons for marking, branding, or killing unmarked cattle, and for other purposes therein mentioned;

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

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Rosseau introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to compel railroad companies to pay for all stock killed upon their roads;

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

Mr. Hendry gave notice that he will on some future day introduce a bill regulating the sale of beef cattle in this State.

Mr. Baker gave notice that he will on some future day introduce a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the sale of real estate under an order of the Judge of Probate in certain cases.

Mr. Finegan offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, That the Committees on Military Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives be, and they are hereby ap-

appointed a joint committee of the General Assembly on Military Affairs;

Which was adopted and ordered to be certified to the House.

Mr. Wann offered the following resolution:
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the
 Committee on the Judiciary of each House act as a joint committee
 on all matters referred to either;

Which was adopted and ordered to be certified to the House.

Mr. Crawford, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following preamble and resolutions as correctly enrolled:
 Preamble and resolutions asking the President of the United States to extend executive clemency to John H. Gee, of Florida.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD, Ch'n.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Cottrell, from the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, made the following report:

The Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Constitution of the United States," have had the same under consideration and directed me to

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The same back to the Senate, and recommend it be amended as follows, to wit: In the second line strike out all after the word "on," including said word "on," to and including the figures "1865," in the third line. Insert after the word "States" in the sixth line, the words "which said joint-resolutions are." Insert in the eighth line before the word "by," the word "resolved." In the tenth line, after the word "States," insert the words "of America." In the eighteenth line, after the word "purposes," insert the following words: "As a part of the said constitution." In the twenty-eighth line, strike out the words "Be it enacted," and insert, in lieu thereof, the words "Be it resolved." In the thirty-sixth line, strike out the word "enacted," and, in lieu thereof, insert the word "Resolved." They report an additional section to be designated the second section, as follows:

Sec. 2. *Be it further Resolved, That this amendment to the Constitution of the United States is adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida, with the understanding that it does not confer upon the Congress the power to legislate upon the political status of the Freedman in this State; and, as thus amended, they recommend its passage.*

J. L. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to remove the county seat of Nassau county,

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

A bill to be entitled an act to punish certain persons for marking, branding, or killing unmarked cattle and for other purposes therein mentioned,

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

A bill to be entitled an act to compel railroad companies to pay for all stock killed upon their roads,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and referred to the following Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hendry, Rosseau and Ross.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the inhabitants of this State from carrying fire-arms,

Was read the first time.

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend the Constitution of the United States."

Was read the second time, and the following amendments offered:

In the second line, strike out all after the word "on," including said word "on," to and including the figures "1865," in the third line. Insert after the word "States," in the sixth line, the words "which said joint resolutions are." Insert in the eighth line, before the word "By," the word "Resolved." In the tenth line, after the word "States," insert the words "of America." In the eighteenth line, after the word "purposes," insert the following words: "as a part of the said Constitution." In the twenty-eighth line, strike out the words, "Be it enacted," and insert in lieu thereof the words "Be it resolved." In the thirty-sixth line, strike out the word "enacted," and in lieu thereof insert the word "resolved;"

Which amendments were adopted.

Mr. Cottrell, chairman of the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, offered the following as an additional section to the bill:

"SEC. 2. *Be it further resolved,* That this amendment to the Constitution of the United States is adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida with the understanding that it does not confer upon Congress the power to legislate upon the political status of the freedman in this State."

The yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Ross and Vann.
 The vote was:
 Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford,
 Curry, Finegan, Hendry, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce,
 Poe, Richard, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Vann and Whitehurst—20.
 Nays—Messrs. Bird, Gorrie, Roper and Turner—4.

So the amendment was adopted, and the bill ordered to be en-
 grossed for a third reading on Wednesday next.
 A committee from the House appeared and informed the Senate
 that the House, when it adjourned to-day, would stand adjourned
 until Wednesday next at 12 M.
 On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Vann offered the
 following: That when the Senate adjourns to-day, it adjourn to
 Wednesday next, 12 M.
 On motion of Mr. Brevard, the Senate took a recess until ten
 minutes to 12 M.

TEN MINUTES TO TWELVE M.

Senate resumed its session.
 A quorum present.

A committee from the House appeared and notified the Senate
 that the House was now ready to go into an election for United
 States Senators, and invited the Senate to seats in the Hall.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the House.
 The Senate having entered the Hall, by invitation of the Spea-
 ker the President took the chair.

The President stated the object of the joint meeting was to elect
 Senators to the United States Senate from the State of Florida.
 On motion, the joint meeting went into an election for a Senator
 to fill the short term, which expires on the 4th of March, 1867.

Mr. Barrett nominated Hon. William Marvin.

Mr. Stanford nominated Mr. James A. Wiggins.

Mr. Fife nominated Hon. Thomas Randall.

The vote was:

Senate—For Marvin—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Bird, Fine-
 gan, Gorrie, Hendry, Jordan, Morrison, Richard, Roper, Steele,
 Turner and Whitehurst—13. In the House, 20—Total 33.

Senate—For Wiggins—Messrs. Curry, Kenan, Oliveros and Ros-
 seau—4. In the House, 17—Total 21.

Senate—For Randall—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Pearce,
 Ross, Vann and White—7. In the House, 12—Total 19.

The President announced that there was no election.

On motion, the joint meeting proceeded to another ballot.

The vote was:

Senate—For Marvin—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Bird, Finegan, Gorrie, Jordan, Morrison, Poe, Richard, Roper, Steele and Whitehurst—12. In the House, 22—Total 34.

Senate—For Wiggins—Messrs. Brevard, Curry, Hendry, Kenau, Oliveros, Rosseau and Turner—7. In the House, 19—Total 26.

Senate—For Randall—Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Pearce, Ross, Vann and White—6. In the House 9—Total 15.

The President announced that there was no election.

On motion, the joint meeting proceeded to another ballot.

The vote was:

Senate—For Marvin—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Bird, Finegan, Gorrie, Jordan, Morrison, Poe, Richard, Roper, Steele and Whitehurst—12. In the House, 21—Total 33.

Senate—For Wiggins—Messrs. Brevard, Curry, Hendry, Kenau, Oliveros, Rosseau and Turner—7. In the House, 21—Total 28.

Senate—For Randall—Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Pearce, Ross, Vann and White—6. In the House, 7—Total 13.

The President announced that there was no election.

On motion, the joint meeting adjourned.

The Senate proceeded to their Chamber.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 12 M. Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, December 27, 1865.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President in the chair.

Quorum present.

The Journal was read and approved.

The following communication was received from the House and read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 23, 1865.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The House of Representatives has this day adopted Senate Resolution to raise a Joint Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

Very respectfully,

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

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