

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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On motion, Mr. Woodruff, Senator from the 25th District, appeared at the desk, presented his credentials and was sworn in. Mr. Hendry, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning marks and brands of beef cattle and for other purposes.

Mr. Finegan gave notice that he will on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Hon. B. A. Putnam, Judge of the Circuit Court of the Eastern Circuit of Florida; also,

A bill to be entitled an act providing additional compensation to the Judges of the Circuit Courts, of the State of Florida.

The following message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, and read:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Fla., December 27th, 1865. }

Hon. President of the Senate

And Speaker of the House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully recommend that the State assume the payment of the direct tax due the United States under the law approved August 10, 1861, and that a memorial be adopted by the Legislature praying Congress to pass a remedial act, placing persons in this State whose property has been sold by the Direct Tax Commissioners on the same footing, in all respects, with citizens of States which have not been in rebellion, with reference to the time and manner of redeeming their property.

The pecuniary advantage to us of this assumption will be the saving of fifteen per centum on the quota of direct tax apportioned to this State. The advantage will also be great to the United States. I am informed that the Government has collected in this State, by the sale of property, some \$54,000, and has expended in the collection of that sum over \$30,000.

There are various other reasons why this course should be immediately adopted, which it is needless for me to state, as the committee you may appoint on this subject will doubtless set them forth at length.

Your obedient servant,

D. S. WALKER.

On motion of Mr. Finegan, it was referred to a Select Committee of three; said committee to consist of Messrs. Vann, Finegan and Gorrie.

The following communications were received from his Excellency, the Governor, and the nominations therein made were confirmed.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Dec. 26th, 1865.

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

SIR: I hereby respectfully make the following nominations for the county of Hillsborough :

For Auctioneers—Wm. L. Campbell and Madison Post.

Your obedient servant,

D. S. WALKER,

Also the following :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 26th, 1865.

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

SIR: I hereby respectfully make the following nomination for the county of Marion :

For Auctioneer—Turner E. Howell.

Your obedient servant,

D. S. WALKER.

Also the following :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 26th, 1865.

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

SIR: I hereby respectfully make the following nominations for the county of Franklin :

For Port Wardens—N. Baker, J. P. Peun, B. L. Turner, Edward Williams, Andrew Cordron and Edward J. Rainey.

For Weighers of Cotton—Robert H. Goodlett, Wm. A. Grierson and R. L. Harrison.

For Auctioneer—Robert Myres.

For Board of Commissioners of Pilotage—Robert Myres, Joseph L. Dunham, W. T. Wood, Samuel Benezet and Thomas Orman.

For Lumber Measurer—Thomas Adams.

Your obedient servant,

D. S. WALKER.

Also the following :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 26th, 1865.

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

SIR: I hereby respectfully make the following nominations for the county of Gadsden :

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and J. L. McFarlin.

Your obedient servant,
D. S. WALKER.

Also the following :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 26th, 1865. }

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

SIR: I hereby respectfully make the following nominations for
the county of Suwannee :

For Auctioneers—James A. Hill and Burrell Green.

Your obedient servant,
D. S. WALKER.

Also the following :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 26th, 1865. }

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

SIR: I hereby respectfully make the following nominations for
the county of Duval :

For Port Wardens for the town of Jacksonville—H. H. Hoeg,
J. H. Bours, T. E. Buckman, A. M. Reid and George Wilson.

For Auctioneer—Columbus Drew.

Your obedient servant,
D. S. WALKER.

Mr. Bird offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the Senate, (the House concurring,) that the
General Assembly proceed to an election for United States Senators,
from this State on Friday, the 29th inst., at 12 o'clock meridian.

Mr. Abercrombie, from the Committee on Taxation and Revenue
made the following report :

The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred
the petition of Rebecca J. Jones, have instructed me to

REPORT :

That upon consultation with the Attorney General, they find she
is already sufficiently protected by law.

The Committee beg to be discharged from further consideration
of the subject.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Ch'n.

Mr. Roper, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the fol-
lowing report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Constitution of the United States, report the same as correctly engrossed.

J. H. ROPER, Ch'n.

Also, the following :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to remove the county site of Nassau county, report the same as correctly engrossed.

J. H. ROPER, Ch'n.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill to be entitled an act to remove the county site of Nassau county,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Bird, Brevard, Curry, Finegan, Gorrie, Hendry, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Whitehurst and Woodruff—19.

Nays—none.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Bill to be entitled an act to amend the Constitution of the United States,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Bird, Brevard, Curry, Finegan, Gorrie, Hendry, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Whitehurst and Woodruff—19.

Nays—none.

So the bill passed.

Mr. Roper offered the following amendment to the title of the bill :

Joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Florida, ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America in relation to slavery.

Which was adopted.

Bill to be entitled An act concerning marks and brands of cattle, and for other purposes,

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

Bill to be entitled An act to prevent the inhabitants of this State from carrying fire-arms,

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

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Roper to introduce a bill to be entitled An act to provide for the removal of the Seminary, east of the Suwanee, from Ocala to Gainesville.

Which was received.

A communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, enclosing certain papers relating to the International Ocean Telegraph Company.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Finegan, the message and accompanying documents were referred to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Brevard, the Senator from Key West was added to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

Quorum present.

The President announced the following as the Standing Committee on Boundaries: Messrs. Cottrell, Brevard, Woodruff, Steele and Pearce.

There being no further business before the Senate, Mr. Brevard moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Which was adopted.

THURSDAY, December 28th, 1865.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, December 28, 1865.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

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