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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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daily attendance at the Senate Chamber, I am compelled to tender my resignation of the office of Secretary of the Senate.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BOLLING BAKER.

On motion of Mr. Bird, it was read, and the resignation accepted.

The following communication was received from the House :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Dec. 27, 1865. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate :

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

A bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act consolidating the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector of Hernando county ; also,

A bill to be entitled An act to facilitate the collection of taxes, and require the registration of grants and donations.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the bills ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate went into the election of Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Bird nominated F. L. Villepigue for Secretary of the Senate.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Villepigue was declared unanimously elected.

He being present, was duly sworn in by the President of the Senate.

A committee from the House appeared before the Senate and informed them that the House had referred the report of the Commission appointed by the Provisional Governor, in pursuance of a resolution of the late Convention, with the bills reported by them, to a select committee of five, and that the Senate be requested to appoint a similar select committee, who together shall constitute a joint committee charged with the duty of reporting upon said bills, with or without amendment, as they may deem proper, and with the additional power of reporting any new bills they may desire connected with the subject matter upon which said Commission acted.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
December 27, 1865.

HON. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate :

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

A resolution in reference to the direct taxes due the United States ; also,

A resolution relative to the removal of colored troops.

Very respectfully,

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

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

Mr. Baker moved that Mr. Jordan, Senator from the 15th District, be excused from further attendance on the Senate until 12 M., on the 29th December ;

Which was adopted.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the several acts for the regulation of Pilotage of St. Johns Bar and River ;

A bill to repeal all acts regulating the license of Physicians and to establish a better system for said purpose ;

A bill to enlarge the rates of interest at which money may be loaned by agreement of parties ; also,

A bill to repeal an act entitled an act to authorize the Judge of the Circuit Court of Duval County to hold the sessions of Court at Baldwin.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Finegan introduced the following bills :

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

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Oliveros offered the following resolution :

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened,* That the Committees on Finance and Accounts of the Senate and House of Representatives be, and they are hereby appointed a joint committee of the General Assembly on Finance and Accounts.

Which was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

Mr. Brevard, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report :

The committee to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled an act to prevent the inhabitants of this State from carrying fire-arms," beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have had the subject matter of said bill under consideration, and while they freely admit the necessity of legislation upon this matter, still this bill is returned to the Senate with a recommendation that it do not pass, and that a general law be drawn covering the subject matter of this bill and others of the same character.

T. W. BREVARD,

Chm'n Judiciary Committee.

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

Also the following :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill to be entitled "an act to punish certain persons for marking, branding or killing unmarked cattle," have had the same under consideration, and recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendments, to-wit : in the third line of Section 2, by inserting after the word "fifty," "nor more than \$500;" and in the fourth line of the same section, by inserting after the word "days," "nor more than six months;" and by striking out the following words, "or whipped not less than thirty-nine lashes."

T. W. BREVARD,

Chm'n Judiciary Committee.

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

Also the following :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a "bill to be entitled an act concerning marks and brands of beef cattle and other purposes," beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have had the same under consideration and respectfully recommend the passage of the bill.

T. W. BREVARD,

Chm'n Judiciary Committee.

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

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the removal of the Seminary East of the Suwannee, from Ocala to Gainesville, Fla.

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

House bill to repeal an act consolidating the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector of Hernando county,

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

House bill to be entitled An act to facilitate the collection of taxes and require the registration of grants and donations,

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

House resolution in reference to the direct taxes due the United States,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Vann, Finegan and Gorrie.

House resolution relative to the removal of colored troops,

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

The vote was :

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

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

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

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

A bill to be entitled An act providing additional compensation to the judges of the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida,

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

A bill to be entitled An act concerning marks and brands of beef cattle,

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

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

Was read a second time and the following amendments proposed by the Committee on the Judiciary, viz:

In the third line, Sec. 2, insert after the word "fifty," "nor more than five hundred dollars." In the fourth line, Sec. 2, insert after the word "days," "nor more than six months." Strike out the words "or whipped not less than thirty-nine lashes."

Which were adopted and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until half-past 2 o'clock P. M.

TWO AND A HALF O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

On motion, the rules were waived to allow Mr. Steele to make a motion.

Mr. Steele moved that the action of the Senate confirming the nominations of Port Wardens for Duval County, made by His Excellency the Governor, be reconsidered.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion, the rules were waived to allow Mr. Gorrie to make a motion.

Mr. Gorrie moved that the Senate do not concur in the action of the House referring the report of the Commission appointed by the Provisional Governor, in pursuance of a resolution of the late Convention, with the bills reported by them, to a joint select committee, and that the Senate insist on its reference of the said report and bills to the Senate standing Committee on all Subjects connected with the Colored Population of the State;

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

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
December 28, 1865.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate resolution to appoint the Committee on Military Affairs in each House a joint committee; also,

Senate resolution to go into an election of United States Senator; also,  
House resolution in reference to arming the Militia.

Very respectfully,

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

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

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

FRIDAY, December 29th, 1865.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day:

By Mr. Crawford:

A bill to be entitled an act to allow the same person to hold the office of Notary Public, Auctioneer and Port-Warden in the county of Wakulla.

By Mr. Morrison:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the salaries and compensation of the Solicitors of this State.

By Mr. Vann:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company to sell and transfer the branch road from Live Oak to the Georgia line, and for other purposes.

The President read the following communication, viz:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Dec. 28, 1865. }

Hon. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Senate to appoint such clerks as are usual and may be necessary to transact the business of the Senate, I respectfully inform you that I