

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 22, 1866. }

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

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

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the officers of Polk County.
Very Respectfully,

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

House bill to be entitled an act relative to the county officers of Polk County,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate went into executive session upon the following communication from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Nov. —, 1866. }

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I respectfully make the following nominations for Auctioneers:

For the County of Duval—Wm. Baya, Wm. A. McLean, L. Warrock, and A. W. DaCosta.

For the County of Washington—A. M. Skipper.

For the County of Madison—S. H. Bunker.

Please certify the action of the Senate to the House of Representatives.

Respectfully, your obedient servant.

DAVID S. WALKER,
Governor.

And the nominations therein made were advised and consented to, and ordered to be so certified to the House.

The injunction of secrecy was removed, and the Senate resumed its session.

On motion of Mr. Finegan, Mr. Baker of Hamilton was excused from attendance on the Senate till Tuesday.

On motion of Mr. White, the Doorkeeper was given leave of absence till Tuesday morning next.

On motion, the Senate took a recess till fifteen minutes to 3 o'clock P. M.

FIFTEEN MINUTES TO THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session, and proceeded in a body to the House of Representatives to listen to speeches from the Hon. Senators Marvin and Call.

The Senate, after returning to its chamber, on motion adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, November 24, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the Chair.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Finegan, the Senator from the 18th District was excused from further attendance in the Senate until Tuesday next.

Mr. Ross moved to reconsider the vote taken on yesterday on a bill to be entitled An act to establish a State Medical Board.

Which was agreed to, and the bill was placed back on its second reading.

Mr. Ross gave notice that at a future day he would introduce a bill to authorize the Judges of Probate and County Commissioners of Columbia, Suwanee, Baker and Bradford Counties to sue the railroad stock subscribed by Columbia County.

Mr. Steele gave notice that he would at a future day introduce the following named bills, to wit:

A bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to quarantine for the town of Jacksonville, approved January 13th, 1859; also,

A bill to be entitled An act to amend certain laws mentioned therein concerning Executors, Administrators and Judges of Probate.

Mr. Steele, pursuant to previous notice, asked leave to introduce the following named bill, to wit:

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act, approved January 11th, 1866, entitled An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Duval County to issue bonds for a purpose named therein.

Which was received and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

The following communication was received from the Superintendent of Seminaries:

REGISTER'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Fla., Nov. 24, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,
Lieutenant-Governor and

President of the Senate:

SIR: In compliance with the resolution adopted by the Senate yesterday, calling for information respecting the State Seminaries, I have the honor to state that I have received reports respecting the condition of both institutions.

Archibald T. Banks, Esq., at my request visited the State Seminary East of the Suwannee, at Gainesville, and

REPORTS:

That the institution is in a very flourishing condition. The number of pupils in attendance is seventy-one, of which forty-six are males and twenty-five are females. The teachers in the respective departments are able and experienced, and well qualified to discharge their duties. The recitations and deportment of the pupils bear conclusive testimony that both the intellectual and moral training of the pupils have been confided to trust-worthy hands. The prospect of usefulness is encouraging. The building is in good condition, and well adapted to the purposes for which it was constructed. Some of the counties have already sent forward their beneficiaries, as stated by the Board of Education, and the prosperity of the institution will probably induce others to avail themselves of the opportunity at an early day.

The Principal of the Seminary reports the same number of schools stated by Mr. Banks, and represents the discipline of the school as rigidly enforced.

From the President of the Board of Education of the Seminary West of the Suwannee, located at Tallahassee, I learn that said institution is just beginning to recover from the ruinous effects of the war. "The buildings of both the male and female departments were taken and occupied as barracks by the U. S. troops stationed in Tallahassee, and not only the buildings seriously injured and defaced and the glass broken, but all the school furniture of every description destroyed or removed, and the philosophical apparatus, of which there was a small but nearly complete set, and the instruments in fine order, was almost entirely broken up. The war, too, left the Board of Education without available funds, so that the necessary repairs have not been made, and the buildings, although again occupied as schools, are scarcely in a habitable condition. Notwithstanding these discouraging circumstances, however, the Board have struggled on with their charge, and have been enabled lately, by the generosity and patriotism of a number of citizens of Tallahassee, who guaranteed a considerable amount of the salary needed, to employ an efficient and talented faculty in the male department, and also to place the female department under the charge of a highly competent and gifted instructress. This returning patronage of the public schools, with the anticipated action of the present Legislature directed to the restoration of the public credit, thus rendering the College endowment again available, will ensure the re-establishment of the Collegiate and Military Institute on a scale commensurate with the wants of the State and its condition previous to the war."

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obd't svt.,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Register of Public Lands, and *Ex off.* Supt. of Seminaries.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
Wednesday, November 21, 1866.

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

SIR: By virtue of the authority vested in me, I have made the following appointments:

James H. Bull, Assistant Secretary.

Thos. B. Wells, Enrolling Clerk.

Columbus Smith, Recording Clerk.

James T. Magbee, Engrossing Clerk.

William C. McLean, Assistant Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. L. VILLEPIGUE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report as correctly engrossed the following joint resolution and bills:

A joint resolution authorizing his excellency the Governor to grant a general amnesty and pardon for crimes and misdemeanors committed against the peace and dignity of the State during the late war against the United States;

A bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act approved December 20th, 1859, entitled an act to allow spirituous liquors to be drunk where sold;

A bill to be entitled An act changing and defining the boundary of Dade County;

A bill to be entitled An act to provide for furnishing artificial limbs to maimed soldiers; and

Resolution for the benefit of Eliza Stewart.

J. H. ROPER, Ch'n.

Which were received, and the bills accompanying placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled An act fixing a punishment for horse stealing, have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

COTTRELL, Ch'n.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution for the relief of Eliza Stewart,
Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Evans, Finegan, Gorrie, Hendry, Jor-

Jan, Kenan, McLellan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—21.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed, title as stated, and ordered to be certified to the House.

Joint resolution authorizing his Excellency the Governor to grant a general amnesty and pardon for crimes and misdemeanors committed against the peace and dignity of the State during the late war against the United States,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Finegan, Gorrie, Hendry, Kenan, McLellan, Oliveros, Owens, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Whitehurst and Woodruff—18.

Nays—Messrs. Jordan, Morrison, Pearce, Poe and White—5.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

Senate bill changing and defining the boundary line of Dade county,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Hendry, Jordan, Kenan, McLellan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated,

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

Senate bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act approved December 20th, 1859, entitled An act to allow spirituous liquors to be drunk where sold,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Finegan, Hendry, Morrison, Owens, Ross, Steele and White—7.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, McLellan, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Rosseau, Turner, Whitehurst and Woodruff—17.

So the bill did not pass.

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to provide for furnishing artificial limbs to maimed soldiers, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Crawford, Evans, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Hendry, Jordan, Kenan, McClelland, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst, and Woodruff—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled an Act fixing punishment for horse stealing, Was read the second time.

Mr. Steele offered the following amendment to the bill:

After the word "death," in second section, the words "by hanging."

Also add the following as an additional section:

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That any person who shall be guilty of robbery from the person upon conviction thereof, shall suffer death by hanging.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kenan moved to reconsider the vote just taken upon the amendment; the same was agreed to.

The vote being taken upon the amendment, the same was adopted.

A bill to entitled an Act to establish a State Medical Board,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Hendry, Jordan, Kenan, McClelland, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Ross, Steele, White, Whitehurst—20.

Nays—Messrs. Rosseau, Turner and Woodruff—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated;

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Judge of Probate of Orange county to order an election in said county for the purpose of selecting and permanently locating the county site of said county,

Was read a second time and ordered to be Engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

House bill to be entitled An act relative to the county officers of Polk county,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Evans, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Hendry, Jordan, Kenan, McLellan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Orange county to issue bonds for the purpose therein mentioned,

Was read a second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday next.

A bill to be entitled An act relative to divorces,

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

A bill to be entitled An act to organize a County Court for all county purposes,

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

The rules were waived to allow Mr. Kenan to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled An act to establish and organize a County Criminal Court;

Which was read first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rules having been previously waived, Mr. Haynes introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled An act relative to clearing out the Ocklawaha River.

The rules being waived, Mr. Cottrell presented the petition of citizens of Hernando county for the division of said county;

Which was referred 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.

Bill to be entitled An act to amend An act entitled An act to provide for the incorporation of towns and cities in this State, approved January 16th, 1866,

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

Bill to be entitled Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hamilton county to issue bonds for the purposes therein mentioned.

The rules were waived and the bill read second time by its title, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill to be entitled An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Jackson county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to build a Court House in said county.

The rules were waived and the bill read second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

Bill to be entitled An act to provide for a further stay of executions in certain cases,

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

Bill to be entitled An act to prevent citizens of other States from hunting in Washington county,

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

Resolution for the clearing out of the Ocklawaha River,

Was read first time, rules waived, read second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Bill to be entitled An act to amend an act, approved January 11th, 1866, entitled An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Duval county to issue bonds for a purpose named therein,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and placed among the orders of the day for Monday.

On motion of Mr. McLellan, a bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of West Florida from hunting and killing deer during the months of June, July and August,

Was taken up from the table and placed among the orders of the day for Monday.

Mr. Cottrell gave notice that he would, on some future day, introduce a bill to be entitled An act to repeal the 7th section of an act concerning pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys.

On motion of the Senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, November 26, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the Chair.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Gorrie the Senator from the 28th District was excused from further attendance on the Senate.

Mr. Finegan gave notice that he would at some future day introduce a bill to be entitled an act to charter the "Florida Provision Company."

The rules were waived to allow Mr. Haynes to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to consolidate certain offices in the county of Sumter;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ross moved that the Senate appoint a select committee consisting of six on the part of the Senate, and request that the House appoint a similar committee to confer with Senate committee on that portion of the Governor's Message in relation to the amendment of the Constitution of the United States and report to the General Assembly, and would ask that the President appoint on said Senate Committee, Messrs. Cottrell, White, Finegan, Steele, Whitehurst and Brevard;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Steele gave notice that at a future day he will ask leave to introduce the following named bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act, entitled "an act to embody the following acts, viz: Act March 15, 1843, pp 55 and 56