

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act to consolidate the offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Judge of Probate of the county of Taylor, and for other purposes,

Was read second time and placed among the orders of the day for to-mo row.

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act regulating judicial proceedings, approved November 21, 1829,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst, Woodruff and Williams—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Florida Canal and Inland Transportation Company,

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

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Uriah Bowden, Sheriff of Duval county,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Williams—20.

Nays—Mr. Vann—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act to organize the Sixth Judicial Circuit, and for other purposes,

Was read second time, the amendments proposed by the Committee on the Judiciary, adopted, and the bill as amended, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled An act to charter the Florida Provision Company,

Was read second time and on motion laid on the table.

On motion, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, A. M.

THURSDAY, December 6, 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.

Mr. Ross moved that the Senator from the 17th District be excused from attendance on the Senate, after to-day, until Monday next.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Steele gave notice that he would at an early day ask leave to introduce the following named bill, viz :

A bill to be entitled An act relative to vacancies in office.

Mr. Ross moved for a reconsideration of the vote had yesterday on the House bill to be entitled An act to authorize planting and bedding of oysters in the waters of Escambia county.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. White moved that a committee of three be appointed to request the House to return said bill to the Senate.

The Chair appointed Messrs. White, Williams and Haynes as such committee, who after a short absence returned and reported they had performed their duty, and asked to be discharged.

Which was agreed to.

The following communications from the House were received :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 4, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate :

SIR: The House of Representatives have passed—

House bill to be entitled An act providing for the sale of the public lands of this State;

House bill to be entitled An act to provide for special terms of the Courts of this State, and for other purposes;

House bill to be entitled An act to amend the 12th section of an act prescribing additional penalties for the commission of offences against the State, and for other purposes, approved January 15th, 1866.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 5, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate :

SIR: The House of Representatives have passed—

House bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act entitled an act to quiet titles and prevent unjust and vexatious litigations in the county of Escambia;

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act

to provide for the relief of disabled and indigent soldiers of the late war, and destitute widows and orphans;

And indefinitely postponed Senate bill to be entitled An act to establish a State Medical Board.

Very respectfully,

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

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 4, 1866. }

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

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

A bill to be entitled An act to provide a system of education of the poor white children of Calhoun county;

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act passed March 15, 1843, for the establishment of lost papers;

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize the corporate authorities of the city of Pensacola to issue change bills; and

House bill to be entitled An act to provide a revenue system for this State, Tax Collectors and Assessors, election duties, &c.

Very respectfully,

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

Which were read and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
December 5th, 1866. }

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I respectfully nominate Rev. E. B. Duncan to be Superintendent of common schools for freedmen.

DAVID S. WALKER,
Governor of Florida.

And on motion of Mr. Vaun, the Senate went into executive session thereon.

The Senate advised and consented to the nomination therein.

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

A committee from the House appeared and notified the Senate that the House had adopted a motion requesting Senate committee on Finance and Public Accounts to act with a similar committee on the part of the House to prepare a general appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1867.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made the following report:

The Committee on Finance and Accounts to whom was referred a resolution to ascertain and state the account between the State of Florida and Gadsden county, beg to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration and they are of the opinion that they can see no reason why two Commissioners should be appointed to settle the indebtedness between the county of Gadsden, and the State of Florida, as it is the duty of the Comptroller to settle such accounts. They would therefore recommend that the resolution do not pass.

WM. B. ROSS, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances to whom was referred the House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joel J. Addison, Sheriff and ex-officio Tax Assessor and Collector of Manatee county, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That there has been no evidence before them to prove what is stated in the bill, and for that reason can't recommend its passage;

Also, the House bill to be entitled an act in relation to the offices of the Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Treasurer, have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage.

Also, a memorial of Jesse Billings for relief from a judgment rendered upon a verdict of a jury imposing a fine for keeping a gaming table, rendered in the Circuit Court of Escambia county, Spring Term, 1858, and believing that the circumstances of the case as set forth in said memorial, do not warrant any legislative action, report the same back to the Senate, and beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

E. A. PEARCE, Ch'n. Com.

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

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Florida Canal and Inland Transportation Company

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, they find the requisite notice has been given, they do not think this is such an act of incorporation as is contemplated in the constitution, requiring a bonus of one hundred dollars to be paid into the Treasury, that they

see no objection to the passage of the bill, they therefore return the same to the Senate and recommend its passage.

THOMAS W. WHITE, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bill as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act legitimatizing the marriage of persons of color;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James A. Mickler, late Sheriff and ex-officio Tax Assessor and Collector of St. John's county;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the qualified voters of Suwannee county to locate a Court House;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to pilotage at the port of Key West, county of Monroe, approved December 23d, 1856;

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the sixth Judicial Circuit, and for other purposes; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Southern Railroad Company.

J. R. RICHARD, Ch'n. *pro tem.*

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

The Committee on Boundaries made the following report:

The Committee on Boundaries to whom was referred the bill to be entitled "an act to change and define the boundary line between the counties of Walton and Holmes," have considered of the same and with a view to inform themselves of all the facts, heard the statements of a Senator and a Representative from the county of Walton, and also a Representative of the county of Holmes. The statement of the Senator representing the district of which Holmes is a component part, was also before the Committee.

It was admitted on all hands that the people of Holmes county are opposed to the alteration sought to be made by the bill. The Representative from that county and the Senator both oppose the bill, the former insisting that a very large majority of the people living on the strip of lands sought to be attached to Walton county, are opposed to the change, on the other hand the Senator and Representative of Walton county insist that a majority of the people living on the strip of land to be attached to Walton are in favor of it, whilst they admit the citizens of Holmes are by a large majority opposed to it.

These statements give us all the information we have as to the opinion, and wishes of the people interested in the bill.

Your committee (or a majority of the committee) under the circumstance came to the conclusion in this conflict of statements that the proper rule of legislation was to leave the matter as it stands, particularly as the people of Holmes county are admitted to be op-

posed to the alteration. The committee also attach some weight to the fact that the Representative who by the constitution is authorized to speak and represent the people of the particular strip of land sought to be added to Walton oppose it. For these among other reasons the committee have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day. A committee from the House appeared, and returned the bill requested by the Senate.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The Joint Standing Committee on Enrolled Bills report the following bills correctly enrolled, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled An act repealing the seventh section of an act concerning pilotage for Cedar Keys, approved February 8th, 1861; and,

Senate bill to be entitled An act to provide for furnishing artificial limbs to maimed soldiers.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
Chairman Senate Committee,
G. M. BATES,

Chairman House Committee *pro tem.*

Which was read.

The committee on Boundaries made the following report:

The committee on Boundaries, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled An act to alter and define the boundary line of Polk county, have considered the same, and instructed me to

REPORT:

That there is no constitutional impediments, and they have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

COTTRELL, Chairman.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day. Mr. Rosseau, from a select committee, made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred a memorial from Cornelius Hardee and 109 subscribers from the county of Suwannee, praying the General Assembly to authorize the legal voters of said county to permanently locate the court-house of said county, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to make the following

REPORT:

That they see no good reasons why said petitions should not be allowed to locate their court-house agreeable to the provisions of the bill introduced for that purpose, and respectfully recommend that the bill do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. ROSSEAU, Chairman.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Southern Railroad Company.

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst, Woodruff and Williams—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of James A. Mickler, late Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector of St. John's county.

Was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Kenan, Oliveros, Steele, and Williams—4

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—21

So the bill did not pass.

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize the qualified voters of Suwannee county to locate a court-house.

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst, Woodruff, and Williams—25

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to pilotage at the port of Key West, county of Monroe, approved December 23d, 1856,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

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

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, Mr. Vann was excused from voting on said bill.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act legitimatizing the marriage of persons of color,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst, Woodruff and Williams—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed as amended—title as stated,

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act to organize the sixth judicial circuit, and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Williams—18.

Nays—Messrs. Crawford, Jordan, Roper, Vann and Woodruff—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, Mr. Morrison was excused from voting on said bill.

Ordered that the bill be certified to the House.

The rules were waived and the Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act authorizing the appointment of a Commissioner to procure laborers for this State, have had the same under consideration, and the majority of the committee have instructed me to

REPORT:

That they believe the bill cannot pass without violating the spirit and evident intention of the 2d Section of VIII Art. of the Constitution of this State, which provides that "No other or greater amount of tax or revenue shall be at any time levied than may be required for the necessary expenses of the government."

The same committee have also considered the bill to be entitled An act for the consolidation of the offices of Judge of Probate of Monroe County with that of the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe county, and respectfully recommend the passage of the bill, with the following amendment, viz:

In lines 4 and 5 of Section 1, strike out the following words: "From and after the passage of this act."

Add at the end of Section 1 the following, viz:

"Provided that this act shall not go into effect until the expiration of the term of office of the present incumbent of either of the said offices, or until his death or resignation."

The committee have also considered the bill to be entitled An act to divide the County of Nassau and organize a new county, to be called Stewart County, and beg to report, that in the absence of any official knowledge that the passage of the bill would not vio-

late the provisions of Section 4 of Art. IX of the Constitution of this State, they cannot recommend the passage of the bill.

T. W. BREVARD, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following report :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act for the appointment of conservators of the peace and a County Court in the several counties of this State, and for other purposes, beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have had the said bill under consideration, and recommend that it do not pass for the following reasons :

First, because in their opinion this bill is violative of the Constitution of the State, in this, that it does away with the trial by jury ; and the 6th paragraph of Article I of the Constitution declares, "that the right of trial by jury shall forever remain inviolate ;" and section 2d of this bill makes the Judge of Probate and County Commissioners arbiters in all cases of every character of which they may have jurisdiction as a court.

The second objection of the committee is that the Constitution provides particularly the duties of the Judge of Probate, and the General Assembly can impose upon said officer no other duties, (vide paragraph 8 of Article 5th of the Constitution,) providing that "there shall be elected in each county of this State by the qualified voters, an officer to be styled the Judge of Probate, to take probate of wills, to grant letters testamentary of administration and guardianship, to attend to the settlement of the estates of decedents and minors, and to discharge the duties usually appertaining to Courts of Ordinary, and such other duties as may be required by law, subject to the direction and supervision of the Circuit Courts, as may be provided by law." Your committee are of the opinion that the clause herein, "and such other duties as may be required by law," relate entirely to duties of the office of Judge of Probate, and do not authorize the imposition of other and different official duties.

In the opinion of your committee the Board of County Commissioners are created by the organic law for a stated purpose, to wit : "for the regulation of the county business therein ;" that to create them conservators of the peace would be foreign to the purposes of their creation, (vide paragraph 21, article 5, of the constitution,) and your committee are of the opinion that the passage of this "bill" would violate the provisions of paragraph 14, article 6, of the Constitution.

Thus governed in the formation of their opinions, your committee most respectfully submit their conclusions for the deliberation and consideration of the Senate, with the recommendation herein made.

T. W. BREVARD, Ch'n.

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

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Telegraph Company of Pensacola,
Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—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 consolidate the offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Judge of Probate for the county of Taylor, and for other purposes,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst, and Williams—23.

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 planting and bedding of oysters in the waters of Escambia county,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Finegan, Gorrie, Morrison, Owens, Richard Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, White, Whitehurst and Williams—12.

Nays—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Turner and Vann.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

Resolution relative to adjournment,

Came up on its second reading.

Mr. Cottrell moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "Friday the 7th," also the word "12" and insert the words "Thursday the 13th," at 3 o'clock P. M. ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gorrie offered the following :

Mr. Gorrie moved that hereafter all bills of a general character be placed first amongst the orders of the day ;

Which was agreed to.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide a revenue system for the State,

The rule was waived, and the bill read first and second times by its title.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole;

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Senate went into a Committee of the Whole upon the bill.

Mr. Vann in the Chair.

The committee after some time spent in the consideration of the bill, rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again;

Which was agreed to.

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

THURSDAY, THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The rules were waived, and Mr. Vann offered the following:

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Accounts be instructed to prepare and report, as soon as practicable a general appropriation bill, and that said committee be and the same are hereby authorized and required to act with a similar committee appointed by the House, also that a committee of three notify the House of the action of the Senate;

Which was adopted and the chair appointed Messrs. Finegan, Baker and Richard as a Committee to notify the House of the action of the Senate.

The rules were waived, and Mr. Steele offered the following:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly, convened, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby instructed to issue to each member and each officer of the respective Houses, a warrant for the amount that shall be due said members and officers severally for their compensation, and that in the presentation of said warrants, to the Treasurer he shall pay in money two hundred dollars and issue certificate for the balance, if there be any due;

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

On motion the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the bill referred to.

The Committee after some time spent thereon, rose and reported the bill with amendments back to the Senate, and asked to be discharged;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved to adopt the amendments as proposed by the Committee;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Steele moved to amend the 45th section of the bill by adding the following:

Provided, That the city of Jacksonville be and the same is hereby relieved from the operations of this section;

Which was adopted.
The rules were waived and the Joint Committee on Enrolled bills made the following

REPORT:

The Joint Standing Committee on Enrolled bills report the following bills correctly enrolled, viz:

House bill to be entitled An act to amend the laws providing the mode in which nominations to various officers shall be advised with and concurred in;

House bill to be entitled An act to establish the office of Harbor Master for the port of Pensacola; and

House resolutions relative to a Mail route.

GEO. M. BATES,

Chairman *pro tem* House Committee

JNO. L. CRAWFORD,

Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 7½ o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, SEVEN AND A HALF O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

A bill to be entitled An act concerning Railroads of this State.

The rule was waived, bill read second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend An act, approved January 4, 1866, entitled an act to facilitate the collection of taxes and require the registration of grants and donations,

Was read second time and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

House Joint resolutions to ascertain and state the account between the State of Florida and Gadsden county,

Was read third time and further consideration of the same postponed till to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An act in relation to the offices of Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Treasurer,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan Gorie, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst, Woodruff and Williams—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act authorizing the appointment of a Commissioner to procure laborers for this State,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House bill to be entitled an act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act in relation to contracts of persons of color, approved January 12th, 1866,

Was read second time, and the amendments proposed by the Committee on the Judiciary, adopted.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst, Woodruff and Williams—22.

Nays—None.

The bill passed as amended, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking the census in the year 1867, in this State,

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

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize the sale of the real estate of idiots and lunatics, and for other purposes,

Was read second time, and the amendments proposed by the Committee on the Judiciary adopted.

The rule was waived, the bill as amended read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst, Woodruff and Williams—22.

Nays—None.

The bill passed as amended—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act to alter and change the term of holding the terms of the Supreme Court,

The rule was waived, the bill read second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled An act to provide for special terms of the Courts of this State, and for other purposes,

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

House bill to be entitled An act to amend the 12th section of an act prescribing additional penalties for the commission of offences against the State, and for other purposes, approved January 15, 1866,

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

House bill to be entitled An act providing for the sale of the public lands of this State,

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

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the relief of disabled indigent soldiers of the late war, and destitute widows and orphans,

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

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act passed March 15th, 1843, for the establishment of lost papers,

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

House bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to quiet titles and prevent unjust and vexatious litigation in the county of Escambia,

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

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James B. Roberts,

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

A bill to be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by John B. Griffin and his wife,

The rule was waived, bill read second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

A bill to be entitled an act to admit Haden N. Leavitt to practice law in the several courts of this State,

Was read second time, and on motion indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Gas Light Company at Pensacola,

Was read second time, and on motion indefinitely postponed.

House bill to be entitled An act to provide a system for the education of the poor white children of Calhoun county,

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

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize the corporate authorities of the city of Pensacola to issue change bills,

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

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Joel J. Addison, Sheriff and ex-officio Tax Assessor and Collector of Manatee county,

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

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Florida Canal and Inland Transportation Company,

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

House bill to be entitled An act to alter and define the boundary of Polk county;

Was read second time, rule waived, read third time by its title, and put upon its passage. The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford Finegan, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whit-hurst, Woodruff and Williams—18.

Nays—Mr. Gorrie—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

Resolution relative to clearing out the Chipola river and the drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands in the same,

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

The following communications were received from the House :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 6, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate :

SIR :—The House of Representatives has passed House bill to be entitled An act to repeal An act entitled An act to amend the pleadings and practices of this State, approved February 8th, 1861 ; also,

House bill to be entitled An act to prevent non-residents from hunting in the county of Suwannee.

Very Respectfully,

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

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 6, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate 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 ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act changing and defining the boundary of Dade county ;

House bill to be entitled An act concerning judgments and decrees during the late war ;

House bill to be entitled An act allowing a Justice Court to be held at Orange Spring in Marion county ; also,

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Christbal Bravo and Michael Usina.

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

Which were read, the Senate bills ordered to be enrolled and the House bills placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.
The following communication was received from His Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
December —, 1866. }

Gentlemen of the Senate :

I respectfully make the following nominations for Auctioneers :
Gregory Yniestra, Ira Smith and Samuel Glass, for Escambia county.

Thomas O'Connor, for Franklin county.

M. R. Andrew, for St. Johns county.

Thomas M. Mickler, for Columbia county.

DAVID S. WALKER, Gov.

Which was read.

On motion the Senate went into Executive session upon consideration of the same.

The Senate advised and consented to the nominations therein made

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

The rules were waived to allow Mr. Brevard, without previous notice, to introduce the following :

A bill to be entitled An act declaratory of the civil rights of the inhabitants of this State ;

Which was received, and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. White, without previous notice, to introduce the following :

A bill to be entitled An act requiring the Sheriffs to keep a regular docket, and for other purposes ;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

FRIDAY, December 7, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
The Lieutenant-Governor in the Chair.

A quorum present.
The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Cottrell moved to take from the table, House resolution in reference to assigning to the Supreme Court, a room for conference ;

Which was agreed to and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

The rules were waived, and Mr. Oliveros introduced without previous notice, the following :