

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

Came up on its second reading.

Mr. Kenan offered to amend the bill as follows :

Strike out all after the enacting clause, insertin, the following :

Section 1st. That section first of An act entitled an act to establish and organize a County Criminal Court, approved January 11th, 1866, be so amended as to give said Court exclusive jurisdiction in the trial of all or any of the offences mentioned in said first section.

Section 2nd. Be it further enacted, That in all trials and prosecutions before said Court, the defendant shall have the right of waiving trial by jury, and the Judge, in such cases, shall be authorized to cause and assess judgment.

Section 3rd. Be it further enacted, That in all cases for trial brought before the County Criminal Court, the prosecutor shall be compelled to pay cost when the party or parties so tried shall be found not guilty : *Provided, however,* That it shall be at the option of the Judge as to whether or not the costs shall be collected from the prosecutor failing to convict in cases affecting the public welfare.

Section 4th. Be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent persons from taking an appeal to the Circuit Courts as provided in section 7th of the act to which this is an amendment.

Section 5th. Be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Mr. Vann moved to amend the amendment as follows :

Mr. Vann moved to amend the amendment by striking out "all" after the enacting clause, and inserting the following :

That An act entitled An act to establish and organize a County Criminal Court, approved January 11, 1866, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Cottrell and Vann.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Gorrie, Jordan, Pearce, Steele and Vann—5.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Haynes, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Poe, Richard, Roper, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Williams—17.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The amendment offered by Mr. Kenan was adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House bill to be entitled An act to amend the 35th section of an act entitled An act concerning wills, letters testamentary and letters of administration, and the duties of Executors Administrators and Guardians, approved 20th Nov. 1828,

Was read second time, and the amendments offered by the Com-

mittee on the Judiciary adopted, and the bill as amended placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act more effectually to prevent gambling in this State,

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

House bill to be entitled An act in relation to cheats,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate Commissions for the collection of money,

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, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Steele, Vann, White and Williams—15.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Finegan, Owens, Turner and Whitehurst—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws relative to sales of real and personal property by Executors and Administrators,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Richard, Roper, Steele, Turner, Vann, White and Whitehurst—17.

Nays—Messrs. Jordan, Owens and Pearce—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts of Suwannee Circuit,

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

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

SATURDAY, December 8, 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. Steele moved that the bill providing for the appointment of Conservators of the Peace and a County Court in the several counties of the State, be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day on its second reading ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Ross moved that the Senator from the 8th district be excused from attendance in the Senate for to-day ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gorrie moved that the Senator from the 10th district be excused from attendance in the Senate for to-day ;

Which was agreed to.

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

A bill to be entitled An act providing for the establishment of lost Treasury Certificates.

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

Mr. Steele moved that a select committee of five be appointed on the part of the Senate, to confer with a similar committee on the part of the House, to take some immediate action upon the subject of a County Court, and to report to both Houses at as early a day as practicable, and that a committee of three be appointed to notify the House of the action of the Senate.

Which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed the following committee under the resolution : Messrs. Steele, Vann, Cottrell, Gorrie and Owens.

The Chair appointed the following committee to notify the House of the action of the Senate : Messrs. Finegan, Oliveros and Baker.

Said committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported they had performed their duty, and asked to be discharged.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Steele, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following named bill, to wit :

A bill to be entitled An act relative to vacancies of office,

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

The following communication was received from the House :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 6, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate :

SIR—The House of Representatives have passed :

House bill to be entitled An act to punish accessories to murder ;

House joint resolution for the relief of Dr. A. S. Johnson, of Polk county ;

House bill to be entitled An act to define and limit the lien of

parties making advances to planters and other producers, and for other purposes ;

House bill to be entitled An act for the retailing of spirituous liquors, in Walton county ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act fixing the punishment for horse stealing and robbery, from the person, with amendments ; also,

Senate bill to be entitled An act in relation to the public printing, with amendments.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

The Committee on Federal Relations made the following report :
The Committee on Federal Relations to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled An act declaratory of the civil rights, of the inhabitants of this State," have instructed me to report the said bill back to the Senate, with the following amendment, viz :

After the first section, add as a proviso, these words :

"Provided, That nothing herein shall be so construed as to render persons of color competent jurors, or to confer upon them the right of suffrage."

JOHN M. GORRIE, Ch'n.

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

Mr. Cottrell made the following report :

The Committee on the Commonwealth to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled An act for the adoption of a child, (Alfred Phillips,) by John B. Griffin and his wife," have had the same under consideration and instructed me to report the same to the Senate, with an amendment, as follows :

Strike out the Preamble; also, strike out all of the 1st section, after the enacting clause, and insert the following in lieu thereof :
"That John B. Griffin and his wife be, and they are hereby authorized to file their petition in the Circuit Court of the county of Escambia, in which they may state their design, wish and purpose to adopt, as their child and heir-at-law, Alfred Phillips, and such petition so filed, shall be entered of Record on the minutes of said Court, and shall constitute the said Alfred Phillips, the child and heir-at-law of the said John B. Griffin and his wife."

The said committee also instructed me to report back to the Senate with a recommendation that it pass "a 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."

COTTRELL, Ch'n.

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

Mr. Crawford made the following report :

The Joint Standing Committee on Enrolled Bills report the fol-

lowing bills correctly enrolled, 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, and

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

JNO. L. CRAWFORD,
Chairman Senate Committee.
GEO. M. BATES,
Chairman *pro tem.* House Committee.

Which was read.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills correctly engrossed, viz :

A bill to incorporate the Florida Canal, Inland and Transportation Company ;

A bill to be entitled An act concerning railroads ;

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

A bill to be entitled An act to annul the County Criminal Court of Calhoun county ;

A bill to be entitled An act to consolidate the offices of Probate Judge and that of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe county ;

A bill to be entitled An act to bed oysters in the county of Santa Rosa ;

A bill to be entitled An act to amend the act entitled an act to incorporate the Pen. & Ga. Railroad Co., and for other purposes ; also,

A bill to be entitled An act to annul the County Criminal Court of Monroe county.

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

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

Mr. Oliveros, from a special committee, made the following report :

A Special Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Christobal Bravo and Michael Usina, have had the same under consideration and beg me to

REPORT :

That from the evidence presented to the committee, and the peculiar facts connected with the petition herewith annexed, and the long period of 21 years having passed without any action taken in the premises, they would, under the circumstance, recommend the bill do pass.

B. F. OLIVEROS, *Ch'n.*

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend the act entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company,
Came up on its third reading, and passed over informal y.

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

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the bill be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act concerning railroads of the State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Finegan, Gorrie, Hayne, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—18.

Nays—Mr. Crawford—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated,

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act to annul the County Criminal Court of Monroe county,

Was read the third time.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Vann moved to amend the bill by inserting after the word Monroe, the words "and Madison:"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Baker moved to amend the bill by adding after the word "Madison" the word "Hamilton."

Mr. Ross moved to amend by inserting after the word "Hamilton" the word "Columbia."

Mr. Williams moved to amend by inserting after the word "Columbia" the word "Escambia."

Mr. Oliveros moved to amend by inserting after the word "Escambia" the words "Sumter and St. Johns."

Mr. Pearce moved to amend by inserting after the words "St. Johns" the word "Santa Rosa."

Mr. Gorrie moved to amend by inserting after the words "Santa Rosa" the word "Franklin."

The amendments proposed were adopted.

Mr. Cottrell moved to amend by inserting after the word "Franklin," the following :

"Provided, That each of said counties in which the repeal of said law is to take effect, shall pay all costs and expenses of criminal pros-

ecutions in the Circuit Court of said counties respectively, for which the State shall be liable:

"And, provided further, That all fines imposed by the proper Courts for the violation of the criminal laws of this State in said counties, shall be paid into the Treasury of the counties for the use of said counties.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Cottrell and Vann.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Owens, Richard, Turner and White—7.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Haynes, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Ross, Vann, Whitehurst and Williams—9.

So the amendment was not adopted.

The bill as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Morrison moved that a committee of three be appointed to request the House to refer to the Senate, House bill to be entitled An act to alter and define the boundary line, between the counties of Walton and Holmes;

Which was agreed to.

And the Chair appointed the following committee, Messrs. Cottrell, Morrison and Poe.

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

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

House bill to be entitled An act to punish accessories to murder,

Was read first time and placed among the orders of the day for Monday.

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

Came up on its third reading.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—17.

Nays—Mr. Roper—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled An act to provide for the appointment of Conservators of the Peace and a County Court in the several counties of this State, and for other purposes,

Came up on its second reading.

Mr. Steele offered the following amendment to the bill:

Section 18. *Be it further enacted*, That the civil jurisdiction

which, by law, is now allowed the County Criminal Court of the County of Duval, be and the same is hereby transferred to the Court for said county established by this bill, and that the County Court hereby established shall have all the authority authorized by said law:

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Vann moved to refer the bill as amended to a joint select committee of both Houses upon the subject of a County Court;

Which was agreed to.

A bill to be entitled An act to provide for the re-establishment of lost Treasury Certificates.

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

House bill to be entitled An act to define and limit the lien of parties making advances to planters and other producers, and for other purposes.

The rule was waived, the bill read first and second times by its title, and placed among the orders of the day for Monday.

A bill to be entitled An act fixing a punishment for horse stealing and robbery from the person, came back from the House with amendments.

On motion, the Senate concurred in the amendments.

The bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

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

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

A bill to be entitled An act in relation to the public printing.

Came back from the House with amendments.

The Senate concurred in all the House amendments except those proposed in the 12th and 18th line, of first section.

House Joint Resolution of the General Assembly authorizing and requesting the Solicitor of the Southern Judicial Circuit, to dismiss an indictment against Dr. A. S. Johnson of Polk county,

Was read 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 extend the jurisdictional limits of the city of Jacksonville.

Came back from the House with amendments.

The Senate concurred in the House amendments.

The bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Christobal Bravo and Michael Usiba,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Haynes, Morrison, Oliveros, Richard, Ross, Steele, Turner, White, and Williams—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Gorrie, Owens, Pearce, Vann and Whitehurst—7.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act to bed oysters in the county of Santa Rosa,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—20.

Nays—Mr. Morrison—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

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

Came up on its second reading, the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Commonwealth adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled An act to consolidate the offices of Probate Judge and that of Clerk of Circuit Court, of Monroe county,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act to annul the County Criminal Court, in Calhoun County,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Gorrie, Haynes, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Richard, Ross, Steele, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—15.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Finegan, Owens, Roper and Turner—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

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

Came up on its second reading with amendments reported by the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Brevard moved to amend the amendments recommended by the Committee on Federal Relations, by offering the following :

Provided, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to alter the laws already existing upon this subject ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brevard moved that the bill as amended be laid upon the table ;

Which was agreed to.

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

Came up on its third reading.

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Gorrie, Steele, White and Williams—4.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Turner, Vann and Whitehurst—16.

The bill did not pass.

House bill to be entitled An act for the retailing of spirituous liquors in Walton county,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second and third times by its title and put up on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Morrison, Pearce, Richard, Steele, White, Whitehurst and Williams—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Oliveros, Owens, Ross, Turner and Vann—7.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Williams—21.

Nays—None.

The bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House

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

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst, and Williams—13.

Nays—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell and Vann—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 8th, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House of Representatives has passed—

House resolution relative to the pay of the members and officers of the present General Assembly;

House bill to be entitled An act to organize Ward county, in the State of Florida; also,

House bill to be entitled An act to repeal so much of the fifth section of the act entitled an act to incorporate the Tallahassee Railroad Company, as requires a draw bridge over the St. Marks river.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, rule waived, bills read first time by their title and placed among the orders of the day for Monday, and the House resolution read first time, rule waived, read second and third times by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cotarell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, Whitehurst and Williams—16.

Nays—None

The resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

The following communications was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 8, 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 amend and consolidate all the laws of the State of Florida, in relation to attachments;

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act in relation to crimes and misdemeanors; also,

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Robert F. Boyd, late Sheriff of Putnam county.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, the rule waived, and the bills placed among the orders of the day for Monday.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 8, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House of Representatives has passed:
Senate resolution authorizing His Excellency the Governor, to grant general amnesty and pardon for crimes, &c.;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the Eastern Circuit; also,

Senate bill to be entitled An act authorizing the City Council of the city of Jacksonville, to issue bonds for purposes therein named.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and the bills ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 8, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House of Representatives has this day passed:

Senate bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Southern Land and Immigration Company.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 8, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House of Representatives has passed:

House bill for the relief of Margaret A. Goff;

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the securities of E. J. Daniels, late Tax Assessor and Collector of Clay county;

House bill to be entitled An act supplementary to and extending the provisions of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Suwannee Railroad Company; also,

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act to provide for the incorporation of towns and cities.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 8th, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed

Senate bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act, approved Janu-

ary 13th, 1859, entitled an act relative to quarantine for the city of Jacksonville;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to regulate the sale of poisons, and for other purposes;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to extend the jurisdictional limits of the city of Jacksonville, with amendments; also,

Adopted Senate resolution relative to adjournment; and

Indefinitely postponed, Senate bill to be entitled An act to provide for a further stay of executions in certain cases.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Which was read, and the bills requiring it, ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Ross introduced, without previous notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act to extend the time for collecting taxes in this State, approved December 13th, 1861, and for other purposes;

Which was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

On motion, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock, A. M., Monday.

MONDAY, December 10, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 8, 1866.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House of Representatives has this day passed—

Senate bill to be entitled An act to untrammel capital and to repeal all laws of usury;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to authorize the Superintendent of Common Schools to investigate the claim of George S. Leverett;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to authorize the clearing out of the Withlacoochee river; and

House bill to be entitled An act to increase the salary of the Clerk of the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

The rule was waived and Mr. Steele introduced without previous notice the following:

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act authorizing the clearing out of McGirt's Creek, in Duval County.

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

The Joint Standing 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 alter and define the boundary line of Polk county;

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

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, and

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

GEO. M. BATES,

Chairman House Committee.

JNO. L. CRAWFORD,

Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances to whom was referred

A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of James B. Roberts, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to

REPORT:

That believing the circumstances of the case, as set forth in the bill, do not warrant any legislative action, report the same back to the Senate, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

E. A. PEARCE, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred

A bill to be entitled An act providing for the establishment of lost Treasury Certificates, have considered the same and recommend its passage; also,

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act to extend the time for collecting taxes in the State, approved December 13, 1861, and for