

The Joint Standing Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The Joint Standing Committee on Enrolled Bills report the following bill and resolutions correctly enrolled, viz:

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;

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 Rail Road Company, as requires a draw-bridge over the St. Marks river;

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act to provide for the incorporation of towns and cities in this State;

House bill to be entitled An act to revive an act to incorporate a company to construct a Rail Road from St. Andrews Bay to some point on the line of Georgia or Alabama in West Florida; also,

A 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.

JNO. L. CRAWFORD,

Chairman Senate Committee,

A. PEELER,

Chairman House Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Bird moved to reconsider the vote had on the House bill entitled An act to amend and consolidate all of the laws of the State of Florida in relation to attachments;

Which was not agreed to.

The rules were waived and Mr. Gorrie moved that the Senator from Jackson county be excused from attendance in the Senate after to-day;

Which was agreed to.

House resolution requesting his Excellency, Andrew Johnson, to pardon Jefferson Davis,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations,

The rules were waived and Mr. Kenan moved that the Sergeant at-Arms be excused from attendance in the Senate to-night;

Which was agreed to.

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

Resolution relative to copying the acts and resolutions of the present session.

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, Bird, Cottrell, Crawford, Gorrie, Haynes, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poc, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, Whitehurst and Williams—19.

Nays—None.

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 12, 1866 }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House of Representatives has this day passed:
A resolution requesting the Governor to correspond with the President of the United States on the subject of having Congress to donate the Arsenal at Chattahoochee to the State of Florida for a Penitentiary.

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

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

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

THURSDAY, December 13, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 12, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House of Representatives have this day passed:

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

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

Senate bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company, approved January 8th, 1866;

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

Senate bill to be entitled An act to provide for the reimbursement of certain officers of the United States.

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 13, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate :

SIR : The House of Representatives has passed :

A joint resolution relative to the contingent expenses of the General Assembly.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the resolution 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 and resolution correctly enrolled, viz :

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize planting and bedding oysters in the waters of Escambia county ;

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

House bill to be entitled An act to increase the salary of the Clerk of the Comptroller of public accounts ;

House bill to be entitled An act to amend the laws relative to sales of real and personal property, by executors and administrators ;

Resolution for the relief of Gadsden county ; also,

Senate bill to be entitled An act to extend the jurisdictional limits of the city of Jacksonville.

JNO. L. CRAWFORD,

Chairman Senate Committee.

A. FEELER,

Chairman House Committee.

Which was received and read :

The following communication was received from the House :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 12, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate :

SIR : The House of Representatives have this day passed :

Senate bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Southern Railroad Company ;

Senate 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 ; also,

Senate resolution relative to copying the acts and resolutions of the General Assembly, with amendment.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House resolution relative to the contingent expenses of the General Assembly,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second and third times by its title, and passed over informally.

The following communication was received from the House :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 12, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate :

SIR : The House of Representatives have passed :

A resolution relative to the pay and mileage of the members and officers of this General Assembly.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

House resolution relative to the pay and mileage of the members and officers of this General Assembly,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title.

Mr. Pearce offered an amendment to the bill,

Which, upon a point of order raised by Mr. Cottrell, the Chair decided was out of order.

The following amendment was offered by Mr. Steele :

Mr. Steele moved to amend the bill by adding the following to section first thereof, viz :

Provided, That in estimating the distance from the residences of members, that shall be adopted, which measures the route they would travel to the capitol, if there were no practical round-about ways for their accommodation by railroad, steamboat or other public modes of conveyance ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the rule be waived and the resolution read third time by its title.

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Brevard, Cottrell, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Oliveros, Owens, Richard, Rosseau, Turner, Whitehurst and Williams—12.

Nays—Messrs. Pearce, Ross, Steele and Vann—4.

So the motion was not agreed to.

A committee appeared from the House and notified the Senate that they were appointed a committee on the part of the House of

Representatives, to convey to the Senate, a bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and organize a County Criminal Court, approved January 11th, 1866, which has been passed by the House of Representatives.

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

A committee appeared from the House and notified the Senate that the House had passed the following bill and resolution:

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

House resolution to provide for the re-establishment of certain lost bonds of the State of Florida.

The bill was ordered to be enrolled and the resolution placed among the orders of the day.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, that the resolution heretofore adopted proposing to adjourn on this day, Thursday, the 13th December, at 3 o'clock, P. M., be and the same is hereby rescinded;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell moved that a committee of three be appointed to convey the resolution to the House;

Which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cottrell, Jordan and Richard.

The Committee returned after a short absence, and reported they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

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

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

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

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act in relation to pilotage at the Port of Key West, county of Monroe, approved Dec. 23d, 1856; also,

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

J. H. ROPER, Ch'n.

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

The rules were waived, and Mr. Whitehurst moved the following: That in the Engrossed Senate bill in relation to pilotage at Key West, the words "under" occurring in 15th, 17th, 19th and 21st lines, be stricken out, and the word "over" be substituted thereon;

Which was agreed to.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend An act to extend the time for collecting taxes in this State,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner and Whitehurst—13.

Nays—Messrs. Oliveros and Vann—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Mr. Brevard moved, that a committee of three be appointed to convey the bill to the House;

Which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Brevard, Ross and Turner.

The committee after a short time, returned, reported they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 12, 1866. }

HON. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House of Representatives has passed:

Senate bill to be entitled An act to provide for taking the census in the year 1867 in this State; also,

Senate bill to be entitled An act relative to vacancies in office with amendments.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

Mr. Pearce moved, that the Senate reconsider its vote had upon House resolution relative to the pay and mileage of the members and officers of this General Assembly;

Which was agreed to.

On motion the resolution was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Haynes, Morrison, Owens, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Turner and Whitehurst—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brevard, Jordan, Kenan, Oliveros, Pearce, Richard, Steele and Vann—8.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A committee appeared from the House and notified the Senate that the House had concurred in rescinding the resolution heretofore adopted proposing to adjourn on this day, (Thursday Dec. 13, at 3 o'clock, p. m.)

Senate 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 Dec. 23d, 1856,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann and Whitehurst—17.

Nays—None.

The bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

Mr. Whitehurst moved, that a committee of three be appointed to convey the bill to the House.

The President appointed Messrs. Whitehurst, Morrison and Rosseau.

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

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

The House amendments were read and adopted.

Mr. Cottrell moved to reconsider the vote taken upon House resolution relating to the pay and mileage of the members of this General Assembly ;

Which was agreed to.

The rules were waived and the bill placed on its second reading.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following as a amendment :

Strike out all of the 3d section after the word "same" in the 9th line, to the end of the section.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ross moved to strike out the second section ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved to waive the rules and that the resolution be read a third time by its title as amended and put upon its passage ;

Which was agreed to.

The resolution was read third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Haynes, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Turner, Whitehurst and Williams—12.

Nays—Messrs. Brevard, Jordan, Pearce, Steele and Vann—5.

The resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

Mr. Cottrell moved to appoint a committee of three to convey the resolution to the House.

Messrs. Cottrell, Haynes and Owens were appointed said committee who retired and in a short time appeared and reported that they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged.

Senate Engrossed Bill to be entitled An act to amend certain laws mentioned therein, relative to Executors, Administrators and Judges of Probate,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, Whitehurst and Williams—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

Mr. Steele moved that a committee of three be appointed to convey the bill to the House.

Messrs. Steele, Williams and Roper were appointed the committee who returned in a short time and reported that they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged.

Mr. Brevard moved that the Senator from Franklin be excused from attendance upon the Senate for the remainder of the session ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crawford made the following report :

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

Senate bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Florida Canal, Inland & Transportation Company ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to provide for funding the interest now due by the State and for other purposes ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act concerning Railroads of this State ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to amend An act providing for the incorporation of the Mexican Gulf Steamship and Indian Trading and Navigation Companies in Florida, approved 15th February, 1859 ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act authorizing the sale of Escheated Lands lying in the county of Orange and formerly belonging to the estate of James Augustus Steen ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to alter and define the Southern boundary line of Sumter county ;

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

Senate resolution for the relief of Eliza Stewart ; also,

Senate resolution relative to clearing out the Oklawaha river.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
Chairman Senate Committee.

GEO. M. BATES,
Chairman House Committee.

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,

Was taken up.

The Chair decided the bill was not properly before the Senate.

Mr. Brevard appealed from the decision of the Chair, and upon the division the decision of the Chair was sustained.

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and organize a County Criminal Court, approved January 11th, 1866,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title.

Mr. Brevard moved to amend as follows : Strike out the last section and insert instead the following :

Be it further enacted, That a writ of error shall lie from said Court to the Circuit Court of the several circuits of this State ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Roper moved to amend by offering the following as a substitute :

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened, That after the sixth day of January, 1867, the act entitled an act to organize and establish a County Criminal Court, approved January 11th, 1866, be and the same is hereby repealed, to take effect as herein expressed.

The question being put, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Roper and Baker.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Roper, Ross, Steele, Vann, Whitehurst and Williams—11.

Nays—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Richard, Rosseau, and Turner.—6.

The substitute was adopted.

Mr. Ross moved to lay the substitute on the table.

The yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Roper and Baker.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Richard, Ross, Rosseau, Turner and Whitehurst—8.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Roper, Steele, Vann and Williams—9.

The motion was rejected.

Mr. Vann moved to reconsider the vote just taken upon the substitute.

Mr. Roper withdrew the substitute.

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Pearce, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Vann, Whitehurst and Williams—15.

Nays—Messrs. Oliveros, Richard and Turner—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

Mr. Roper moved that a committee be appointed to convey the bill to the House.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Roper, Rosseau and Crawford.

The committee retired and returned, and reported they had performed their duty, and asked to be discharged.

On motion, the Senate went into Executive session on the following communication from his Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
December 13, 1866. }

Gentlemen of the Senate :

I respectfully nominate Jacob Schevary to be Auctioneer for Franklin county.

DAVID S. WALKER, Governor.

The nominations therein made, were advised and consented to.

On motion, secrecy was removed, and the Senate resumed its regular session.

Mr. Crawford 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 concerning judgments and decrees, during the late war ;

House bill to be entitled An act to compel railroad companies to pay for all stock killed on their respective roads ;

House bill to be entitled An act supplementary to, and to extend 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 authorizing certain persons therein named to clear out Pease creek, and for other purposes.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
Chairman Senate Committee.
GEO. M. BATES,
Chairman House Committee.

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.

The following communication was received from the House :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 13, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY.

President of the Senate :

SIR :—The House have passed Joint Resolution relative to the additional pay of the Assistant Secretary of the Senate and the Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, and indefinitely postponed Senate bills, viz :

Senate bill to be entitled An act to authorize George F. Drew to construct a boom across the Withlacoochee river ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act authorizing the appointment of

a Commissioner to procure laborers for the citizens of this State, and refused to pass;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to repeal a resolution, approved January 22d, 1851, entitled resolution requiring Judges of Probate to issue writs of election, &c., and the House has concurred in;

Senate amendments to House resolution relative to pay of members of the General Assembly, &c., and passed;

Senate bill to be entitled An act relative to taking the brands of cattle in Levy county.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House resolution to provide for establishing certain lost bonds of the State of Florida,

Was read first time, rules waived, read second time, and on motion of Mr. Bird, the bill was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Bird, Brevard and Vann.

A committee appeared before the Senate from the House to notify the Senate that the House had passed by a Constitutional majority a resolution relative to the pay of officers and members of the General Assembly.

Mr. Crawford made the following report:

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

Senate 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;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to amend An act entitled An act to incorporate the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company, and for other purposes;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to annul the County Criminal Court of Monroe county;

Senate bill to be entitled An act requiring Sheriffs to keep regular dockets, and for other purposes; also,

Resolution relative to the pay and mileage of the members and officers of this General Assembly; and,

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

JNO. L. CRAWFORD,

Chairman Senate Committee.

A. PEELER,

Chairman House Committee.

Mr. Ross moved a call of the House.

On call of the same the following Senators answered to their names:

Present—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, Whitehurst and Williams—20.

Absent—Mr. Haynes—1.

Mr. Brevard moved a suspension of further proceedings under the call;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved a suspension of further proceedings under the call.

Which was agreed to.

A Committee appeared from the House with Senate bill to be entitled An act to amend an act to extend the time for collecting taxes in this State and informed the Senate that the House had passed said bill with amendment.

Joint Resolution relative to the pay of officers and members of the General Assembly, was put upon its passage over the veto of the Governor.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Haynes, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Turner, Whitehurst and Williams—15.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Jordan, Kenan Steele and Vann—6.

So the bill passed by the constitutional majority over the veto of his Excellency, the Governor.

Mr. Ross moved, that a committee of three be appointed to convey the joint resolution to the House.

Messrs. Ross, Cottrell and Steele were appointed said committee.

The committee after a brief absence returned, reported that they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged.

Mr. Bird, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred a resolution to provide for the reestablishment of certain lost bonds of the State of Florida, has had the same under careful consideration and recommend its passage.

W. C. BIRD, Chairman.

On motion, the Senate took a recess till 7 o'clock this evening.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

Mr. Crawford made the following report:

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

House bill so be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and organize a County Criminal Court, approved January 11, 1866, and,

House bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the St. Andrew's Canal and improvement Company.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
Chairman Senate Committee.

A. PEELER,
Chairman House Committee.

Mr. Ross moved that in computing the number of days of a session of this General Assembly, Sunday be not counted.

Which was not agreed to.

The Joint Standing Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The Joint Standing Committee on Enrolled Bills report as correctly enrolled:

Joint resolutions relative to the additional pay of the Assistant Secretary of the Senate, and the Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
Chairman Senate Committee.

House resolution to provide for the reestablishment of certain lost bonds of the State of Florida,

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, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Richard, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, Whitehurst and Williams—18.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

On motion, Messrs. Ross, Bird and Brevard, were appointed a committee to convey the resolution to the House.

The committee performed their duty and was discharged.

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

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Haynes, Oliveros, Roper, Steele, Turner, Whitehurst and Williams—7.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Richard, and Vann—8.

The bill did not pass.

Senate bill to be entitled An act to amend an act to extend the time of collecting taxes, and for other purposes,

Was taken up, and the House amendments were agreed to, and ordered to be enrolled as amended.

House resolution requesting the Governor to correspond with the President of the United States on the subject of having Congress donate the Arsenal at Chattahoochee to the State of Florida for a Penitentiary,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Brevard, Crawford, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, Whitehurst and Williams—18.

Nays—None.

The resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

Mr. Crawford, from 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:

Senate 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 16, 1866;

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

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

JNO. L. CRAWFORD,
Chairman Senate Committee.

A. PEELER,
Chairman House Committee.

The Senate resumed consideration of the resolution relative to the contingent expenses of the General Assembly, and passed it over informally.

A committee appeared from the House, and notified the Senate that the House had passed a resolution relative to adjournment;

Which was received and read, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Roper, Steele, Turner, Whitehurst and Williams—18.

Nays—Messrs. Crawford, Kenan, Richard, Ross, Rosseau and Vann—6.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Mr. Cottrell moved that a Committee of three be appointed to convey said resolution to the House;

Which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cottrell, Roper and Vann.

The committee returned and reported they had performed their duty, and asked to be discharged;

Which was agreed to.

The rule was waived and Mr. Brevard offered the following:

Mr. Brevard moved that the Senator from the 23d District be excused from further attendance upon the Senate after to-night.

Which was agreed to.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 13th, 1866. }

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

Sir :—The House of Representatives have passed a resolution relative to the relief of Harry Hawkins.

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

Which was read, and the resolution read first time, rule waived: read second and third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, Vann, Whitehurst and Williams—15.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

On motion of Mr. Cottrell, the Senate reconsidered its vote placing on its third reading the resolution relative to the contingent expenses of the General Assembly.

Mr. Cottrell moved to amend the bill by striking out in thirteenth line, the words "two thousand" and insert the words "twelve hundred;"

Which was agreed to.

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Oliveros, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, Whitehurst and Williams—17.

Nays—None.

The bill passed as amended—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

The Joint Standing Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

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

Senate bill to be entitled An act to provide for the reimbursement of certain officers of the United States ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act relative to vacancies in office ;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to provide for taking the census in the year 1867, in this State ; and,

A resolution for the reestablishment of certain lost bonds of the State of Florida.

JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
Chairman Senate Committee.
A. PEELER,
Chairman House Committee.

Which was read.

The following communication was received from the House :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 13th, 1866. }

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

Sir : The House have passed :
Senate bill to be entitled An act relative to salaries ;
House resolution for the relief of George W. Floyd, messenger of the House ; and refused to pass
Senate bill relative to Administrators and Judges of Probate.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read, the Senate bill ordered to be enrolled, and the House resolution placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow. On motion, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, December 14, 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, that the veto message of his Excellency the Governor, which was sent to the House yesterday, be spread upon the Journal of the Senate ;

Which was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Dec. 13th, 1866. }

Mr. Speaker :

I herewith respectfully return to the House, in which it originated, "Joint resolution relative to the pay of members and officers of the present General Assembly."

I have already approved and signed a resolution passed at the present session entitled a "Resolution relative to the pay of members of the present General Assembly," by which the Comptroller is instructed to issue to each member and officer of the present General Assembly, a warrant for the amount that shall be due said member or officer.

The appropriation bill having also been passed and approved, it seems to me that the legislation on this subject is complete without the resolution now under consideration, and much more perfect than it will be, should this resolution become a law.

The resolution I am now objecting to, takes from the Comptroller the right to audit the amounts due to each member, and gives that power to the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House. Why this change should be made, I cannot conceive—it has never been