

TUESDAY, January 25, 1870.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the Chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crane, Crawford, Henderson, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, and Vaughan—12.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Meacham moved the call of the Senate;

Which was agreed to, and the following Senators were present:

Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crane, Crawford, Henderson, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, and Vaughan—12.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, Mr. Underwood was excused from attendance on the Senate on account of sickness.

Mr. Henderson moved that the further call of the Senate be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 24, 1870. }

TO THE SENATE:

Your committee ask leave to report that they have examined the following bill submitted to them, and find it correctly enrolled, viz.: Senate Bill No. 7, An Act to Incorporate the East Florida Land Company.

Respectfully submitted.

S. KATZENBERG,
Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills,
C. V. HILLYER,
J. A. ATKINS,
J. N. KRIMMINGER.

Which was received and read.

The Committee on Printing made the following report:

Your committee to whom has been referred Joint Resolution

No. 8, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend its passage.

H. A. CRANE, Chairman,
J. T. WALLS,
J. A. ATKINS,
W. H. KENDRICK.

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

The Committee to whom was referred Joint Resolution No. 7, made the following report:

Your committee to whom was referred a Joint Resolution instructing the State Treasurer to pay Warrant No. 592, having had the same under consideration, and finding that the Warrant was issued in pursuance of an authorized settlement made between the State of Florida and its former Executive, Governor Perry, recommend the passage of the resolution.

GEO. E. WENTWORTH,
W. J. PURMAN,
N. H. MORAGNE.

Which was received and read, and on motion of Mr. Purman the rule was waived, the resolution read first, second and third times and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crane, Crawford, Henderson, Katzenberg, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Vaughan, and Walls—15.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

A special committee consisting of Messrs. Purman, Ginn, and Walls, made the following report:

TO THE PRESIDENT *pro tem.* OF THE SENATE:

Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 23, entitled An Act for the relief of the children of Dr. John L. Finlayson, late Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jackson county, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report as follows:

By reference to the former proceedings of the Legislature of this State, we find that an Act was passed in the session of 1865, entitled "An Act to provide for the Relief of disabled indigent Soldiers of the late war, and their Destitute Widows and Orphans," in which the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars was appropriated out of any moneys in the State Treasury, for the benefit of such destitute soldiers, their widows and orphans.

Here was a large sum appropriated for the amelioration of the condition of these unfortunate ones, and judged by the common feelings of humanity, and that natural compassion for the misfortunes of others, the appropriation stands as a noble testimony to the heads and hearts of our predecessors who made it.

Another bill was also passed at the same session, entitled "An Act for the Relief of Mrs. Martha M. Reid," providing that the sum of six hundred dollars per annum be paid to her by the State, during the term of her natural life, and payment has been made by the Treasurer to this distinguished matron, who so signally devoted her most tender ministrations to the suffering soldiers of both armies, in hospital and camp, during the late war.

With these and other precedents before us, our knowledge is clear that this appropriation provided for in the bill can be legally made; and in view of the assassination of Dr. John L. Finlayson, on the 26th of February, 1869, while in the capacity of a public officer, and the almost immediate death of his wife, who fell an innocent victim to grief in devotion to her husband, and the destitution of the two little orphans, your committee cordially unite in the recommendation that the bill should pass.

(Signed)

W. J. PURMAN, Chairman.
J. T. WALLS,
ARTHUR GINN.

Which was received and read.

On motion of Mr. Purman, the rule was waived, and the bill read first time by its title.

Mr. Smith moved to postpone the consideration of said bill till to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

Mr. Walls moved to lay the motion on the table;

On which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Krimminger, Pearce, Purman, Vaughan, and Walls—7.

Nays—Messrs. Crane, Crawford, Cruse, Ginn, Henderson, Katzenberg, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, and Smith—10.

So the Senate refused to lay the motion on the table; and the further consideration of said bill was postponed till to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 25, 1870. }

Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 44, entitled An Act to Protect the Lumber, Log, and Timber Business

of the Suwannee River, ask leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

JOHN A. VAUGHAN, Chairman,
JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
N. H. MORAGNE.

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 24, 1870. }

TO THE SENATE:

Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 35, An Act to Incorporate the Lake City Hotel Company, ask leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend its passage.

JOHN A. VAUGHAN, Chairman,
JNO. L. CRAWFORD,
N. H. MORAGNE.

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 24, 1870. }

TO THE SENATE:

Your committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 34, to be entitled An Act to authorize George M. Whetstone to Erect a Dam for Milling Purposes, and a Toll Bridge across the Santa Fe River, ask leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend its passage.

JOHN A. VAUGHAN, Chairman,
JNO. L. CRAWFORD,
N. H. MORAGNE.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Substitute to Senate Bill No. 6½:

A bill to Incorporate the Suwannee and Inland Railroad Company,

Came up on its second reading.

Mr. Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Railroads, with instruction to report on same to-morrow morning, and that said bill be made the special order of the day for to-morrow morning, 10½ o'clock.

Mr. Krimminger moved to lay the motion on the table;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Pearce, the names of Josiah T. Walls and J. H. Roper were added as corporators in said bill.

On motion of Mr. Cruse, the name of Robert Meacham was inserted as a corporator in said bill.

Mr. Smith moved to amend section 8 of said bill, by striking

out all of said section after the word "thereof," (in line 8 of printed bill);

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Smith moved to amend section 11 by adding at the end of said section the words, "provided, this section shall not be construed to grant any State aid in the shape of State bonds, or State endorsement of bonds, or money, or State lands;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Smith moved to amend section 13, line 2, by adding after the word "the" the word "par;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham moved to amend section 13, line 1, by striking out the words "thirty-five" and insert the word "twenty;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls moved to add the following, as section 14 of said bill:

SECTION 14. That the Suwannee and Inland Railroad Company shall provide first and second class cars for the accommodation of passengers, for each of which fare shall be charged at proportionate rates, and passengers, without distinction, paying fare for first class cars, shall be entitled to seats in said cars, and passengers paying fare for second class cars shall be entitled to seats in second class cars, and any conductor, superintendent, or agent of any railroad train of any company mentioned in this Act, who shall refuse a seat in a first class car to any person holding a first class ticket, shall be subject to arrest on the warrant of any judge of any county through which said trains may pass, and be liable for a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Purman moved to amend section 2 of said bill as follows: After the name "P. A. Holt" insert the name "J. H. Roper;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Underwood moved to strike out the name of Duval Selph in section 1, line 1;

Which was adopted.

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

Senate Bill No. 14:

An Act in relation to Bonds given in Criminal Cases,

Was read second time, and on motion of Mr. Henderson, the same was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Smith moved that the Senate proceed to the third reading of Senate Bill No. 1.

Mr. Walls moved to lay the motion on the table;

Which was not agreed to.

The Senate resumed the third reading of Senate Bill No. 1:

An Act to simplify and abridge the Practice, Pleadings, and Proceedings of the Courts of the State.

Mr. Bradwell moved a call of the Senate;

On which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was.

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Walls, and Pearce—3.

Nays—Messrs. Ginn, Kendrick, Krimminger, McCaskill, and Smith—5.

On motion of Mr. Purman, the Senate adjourned till ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, January 26, 1870.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Bradwell, Crane, Crawford, Cruse, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Smithson, and Vaughan—18.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Kendrick, the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

The following communications were received from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 25, 1870. }

Hon. GEO. E. WENTWORTH, President *pro tem.* of the Senate:

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have this day signed and deposited with the Secretary of State, An Act to incorporate the East Florida Land Company, which originated in your body.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, Governor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., January 25, 1870. }

TO THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY:

I have the honor to inform the Legislature, that in pursuance of authority granted by Section 7, Article V. of the Constitution have this day appointed Edward C. Weeks, Lieutenant-Governor of the State, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the