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INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.
WEDNESDAY, March 3, 1852.

Senate met.

The President laid before the Senate the resignation of Hon. J. A. Liston, one of the Law Reform Commissioners. Resignation accepted, and communication ordered to be entered on the Journal.

Petitions, &c. Presented.
By Mr. Turman, from citizens of Fountain county, for a free banking law. Referred to select committee on banking.

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By Mr. Reid, from same committee, returning joint resolution in relation to the same subject, and recommending its passage. Resolution was ordered to be engrossed.

By Mr. Craven, from same committee, returning bill to appoint a commissioner to superintend the building of a fence around the Tippecanoe Battle Ground, with an amendment, recommending its passage. Amendment concurred in, and bill ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Eddy, from the committee on corporations, returning bill of the House for the incorporation of Bridge Companies, with amendments, recommending its passage. Amendments concurred in, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

By Mr. DeFrees, from same committee, recommending that the petition of sundry citizens of Perry county be laid on the table. Concurred in.

By Mr. Winslow, returning a resolution in relation to revising and consolidating into one act the laws in relation to plank and other roads, recommending that it be laid on the table, as action has been had on the subject by the Senate. Concurred in.

By Mr. Mickle, from same committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate upon the petition of the President and Directors of the Brookville and Greensburg Turnpike Company. Concurred in.

By Mr. DeFrees, from same committee, recommending that the bill repealing a law in relation to plank roads be passed. Engrossed.

Bills, &c. Introduced.
By Mr. Milliken, a joint resolution to suspend the operation of the second section of the law passed at the present session to provide a remedy for the illegal reduction of the valuation of land in several counties in this State.

By Mr. Miller, to incorporate the Orleans and Paoli Railroad Company.

Bills on their Third Reading.
To enable the Treasurer of Delaware county to settle with the county commissioners, &c. Passed—ayes 34, noes 1.

A bill to provide for the payment of the public debt of the State. Passed—ayes 33, noes 1.

Joint resolution asking a grant of lands for the Fort Wayne and Southern Railroad. Lost—ayes 18, noes 19.

Joint resolution asking a grant of lands for the Junction Railroad. Lost—ayes 14, noes 23.

Joint resolution asking a grant of lands for the Elkhart, Kosciusko, and Miami Railroad. Lost—ayes 18, noes 21.

Joint resolution asking a grant of land for a Railroad from Fort Wayne to Columbus, Ind. Lost—ayes 19, noes 20.

Joint resolution asking a grant of lands for the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad. Lost—ayes 17, noes 22.

A bill to reorganize the Board of Trustees of the Indiana State University. Passed—ayes 33, noes 1.

Bill of the House to legalize the act of School Commissioners in certain cases. Passed—ayes 37, noes 1.

Mr. Davis asked leave of absence for a few days. He said his business at home imperatively demanded his presence, and if leave of absence was not granted him, he should be obliged to resign.

Mr. Reid was asked leave of absence but had been brought before the Senate. He hoped that the Senate would adopt some settled course of policy on this subject. He himself would be obliged to go home next week, and he knew of several Senators who would also be obliged to absent themselves some time. He would therefore propose that the Senate adjourn on Tuesday, the 10th of March, and give Senators time to attend to matters which absolutely require their presence at home.

Mr. Spang moved to adjourn over. He thought the Legislature should now finish the business before them. He thought time would be wasted by adjourning.

Mr. Marshall favored the policy of adjourning over for a few weeks. He himself had engaged to witness a law which was imperatively bound to fulfill, and which would require his absence from the Senate. It might be asked why not, in such circumstances, resign and let the people elect some one whose personal and legislative duties would not conflict. But no one could tell how long the present session would continue. It might come to a close next week, and he, for one, did not wish to put his name to the expense and trouble of going into an election while such an uncertainty existed.

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people expected and desired that their representatives should take ample time to consider the business before them. The responsibility of the adjournment for a few weeks could not be made a party thing—he was certain the people would approve of it. For his part he would take his share of the responsibility and would go home and tell his people that the measure was a necessary one. He knew his people would sustain him, and he believed the people of the State would almost unanimously sustain the Legislature in this measure.

Mr. Eddy thought that circumstances required the adjournment for a few weeks.

Mr. Davis withdrew his request for leave of absence. Mr. Hester offered a resolution that the Senate will, the House concurring, adjourn on the 8th day of March, and meet again on the — day of May, and that there be appointed a committee of one on the part of the Senate, and two on the part of the House, whose duty it shall be to meet on the — day of May, and prepare a code of laws for the action of the Legislature on its meeting in May.

Mr. Hanna moved to amend by providing that no member shall receive mileage or pay during such recess.

Mr. Mickle opposed the amendment. He wished it distinctly understood that if this Legislature compelled him to go home and return again, he intended to make the State pay him for it.

Messrs. Eddy and Marshall advocated the resolution for a recess.

Messrs. Reid, Davis, Allen, Marshall, Niblack, Alexander, and DeFrees said they intended to go home for a time, whether the Senate adjourned or not, even if they had to resign to do so.

Mr. Logan opposed the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Mickle moved to lay the whole matter on the table. Lost—ayes 13, noes 26.

Mr. Mickle moved to amend Mr. Hanna's amendment by striking out all that relates to mileage. He said that a refusal to pay mileage would operate very unequally upon Senators—some could reach home in an hour or two, while days were required for others. His motion prevailed.

The amendment was then adopted.

Mr. Mickle moved to strike out May and insert the 20th of April.

Mr. Eddy moved to fix the first Tuesday in May (the fourth) Corried.

Mr. Hatfield moved to amend by striking out the 8th of March and insert the 15th. Lost.

The resolution was then adopted.

Ayes—Alexander, Davis, DeFrees, Eddy, Henton, Hester, Hunt, Marshall, McCarty, Miller, Milliken, Niblack, Odell, Reid, Saffer, Slack, Turman, Walker, and Washburn—19.

Noes—Berry, Brugh, Craven, Delavan, Dougherty, Emerson, Hanna, Hatfield, Hicks, Kendall, Kinnard, Knowlton, Logan, Longshore, Mickle, Sleeth, Spang, Winstanley, and Withers—19.

The President said that believing the best interests of the State demanded the adjournment, he would vote AYE, which decided the question of the passage of the resolution in the affirmative.

Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The consideration of bill on their third reading was suspended.

A bill for the limitation of civil actions, &c. Passed—ayes 31, noes 3.

An act to provide for the sale of stock owned by the State in Madison and Indianapolis Railroad. Passed—ayes 31, noes 3.

A bill to provide for the incorporation of Horse-Thief Detecting Companies. Referred to a select committee with instructions.

A bill of the House declaratory of the law regulating mechanics' liens, &c. Passed—ayes 33, noes 2.

A bill of the House legalizing the election of the Directors of Bridge Companies, &c. Ayes 26, noes 5—not a quorum.

Mr. Niblack moved a call of the Senate, which was ordered.

The call being suspended, the vote was again taken, and resulted—ayes 28, noes 8—the bill passed.

Mr. Davis asked leave of absence for a few days. Objections were made, and after some discussion the Senate granted his request—ayes 25, noes 14.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Goodman for fourteen days—ayes 29, noes 9. It was stated that he was present confined in his room by illness, and wished to return home on that account.

Mr. Hester asked leave of absence for Mr. Alexander for ten days. Granted—ayes 20, noes 16.

Mr. Niblack asked leave of absence for Mr. Slack for ten days, from after Wednesday next. Granted—ayes 19, noes 18.

Bills on the second reading were then taken up and disposed of.

The temperance bill No. 2, was taken up.

The bill repeals all laws for granting license for the sale of liquors, and imposes a penalty upon persons for selling such liquors to habitual drunkards, minors, or persons in a state of intoxication.

Mr. Holloway said he had upon this bill as taking a step backward. It did not go so far as the present law, and would be far less efficient. He moved to indefinitely postpone it.

Mr. Hester asked Mr. Dougherty oppose the motion to postpone, and Mr. Holloway spoke in favor of it.

On motion of Mr. Eddy, the bill was laid on the table. Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
WEDNESDAY MORNING, March 3, 1852.

The House met.

In obedience to a resolution of the House, the roll was called and sixty-eight members answered to their names.

The Speaker laid before the House the resignation of Jonathan A. Liston, Esq., as one of the law commissioners.

Also, a communication from the Door-keeper, stating that he had in custody Hon. S. Porter, in obedience to a resolution of the House, who had absented himself in contravention of the rules of the House.

After explanation from Mr. Porter, he was excused. Two petitions were presented by Mr. Huey, on the subject of temperance, and referred to the committee on that subject.

Reports from Committees.
By Mr. Goldies, from the committee on ways and means, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of making merchants pay license in proportion to the amount of their investments. The committee was discharged.

By Mr. Turman, from the committee on ways and means, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of providing by law for township assessors, as the bill already reported provides for township assessors. The committee was discharged.

By Mr. Lindsay of H., from the committee on ways and means, to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to report a bill exempting from taxation all school lands until the final payment of the purchase money for the same, reporting that such a law would be in violation of the 10th article of the 1st section of the Constitution. Report concurred in.

By Mr. Buskirk, from the committee on ways and means, to whom was referred a petition for an amendment of the assessment law permitting tax-payers to deduct the amount of their indebtedness from the amount of their personal property, reporting that it would be in violation of the 1st section of the 10th article of the Constitution. Report concurred in.

By Mr. Turman, from the committee on ways and means, to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of amending the revenue law as to abolish the 10 per cent. damages collected on delinquent tax-payers, reporting that it is inexpedient to legislate upon the subject. Report concurred in.

By Mr. Gibson, from the judiciary committee, to whom was referred House bill for incorporation of a railroad, and reporting that the bill was unconstitutional. Report concurred in.

By Mr. Gibson, from the same committee, to whom was referred a petition for the passage of an act for the incorporation of the town of Portland Mills, reporting that such an act would be unconstitutional. Report concurred in.

By Mr. Gibson, from the same committee, to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to report a bill making it penal for any one holding property in fee simple to make a mortgage thereon, and to be done. It took hours to complete the code of Louisiana, and every one knew that it is the business of years to make a change in the mode of practice in the courts, and a general revision of the laws. The

By Mr. Gibson, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the regulation of the running at large of stock, &c., with instructions to inquire into its constitutionality, reporting that said act does not conflict with the Constitution. Report concurred in.

Mr. McDonald moved to refer the bill to the committee on agriculture, which was agreed to.

By Mr. Gibson, from the same committee, reporting that the services of a clerk was absolutely necessary for the judiciary committee to dispatch its business promptly. Report concurred in.

By Mr. Gibson, from the same committee, to whom was referred House bill for licensing pilots; the fall of the O-r, with two amendments, in accordance with the order of the House. One was concurred in and the other rejected. The bill then passed—ayes 70, noes 3.

By Mr. Stanfield, from the judiciary committee, to whom was referred a bill authorizing trustees to receive lands, &c., for charitable and benevolent purposes, reporting the same back and recommending its passage. The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

By Mr. Beach, from the judiciary committee, to whom was referred a petition of the Auditor of White county, reporting the same back and recommending that it be laid on the table. Agreed to.

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Mr. Stone moved to recommit the bill with instruction to create a system of Probate county courts, lost.

Mr. Stuart moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the bill lost for want of a constitutional majority—ayes 47, noes 28.

A bill for the punishment of crimes by imprisonment in the county jails, or by fines, or both passed—ayes 51, noes 21.

A bill for the regulation of weights and measures—passed, ayes 41, noes 33.

A bill to authorize the circuit court of Clinton county to sit two weeks if the business require it. Lost for want of a quorum—ayes 33, noes 12.

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