

THE WEEKLY CLARION.

Proceedings of the Legislature

SENATE.

FIRST DAY.

MONDAY, October 15, 1866. The Senate called to order at 12 M. in the Capitol, by Hon. John M. Simonton, President of the Senate.

Upon the call of the roll, the following named Senators appeared in their seats and answered to their names, to-wit: Hon. J. W. Brooks, Senator elect from the county of Lauderdale and Newton, in place of Hon. Robert Leachman, resigned, who prevented his credentials and took the oath of office.

Mr. Martin offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the Senate be organized and ready to proceed to business. A message was received from the House informing the Senate, that the House was organized by the election of Hon. F. B. Irby, of Panama, Speaker pro tem, and that they had adopted a joint resolution appointing a committee of five on the part of the House, and on the part of the Senate, to wait on the error and inform him that the two Houses are now organized, and ready to receive any communication he may have to make.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House message was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Taylor, the bill to amend the laws of the State in relation to the holding of Circuit Courts in the county of Harrison, which was passed.

Mr. Taylor, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the error, reported that they had discharged their duty, and that His Excellency would this evening, at 3 o'clock, submit to them a communication in writing.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. King appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Seal introduced a bill entitled "an act to incorporate the State of Florida, in the county of Harrison," which was passed.

Mr. King offered a joint resolution, which was adopted, that a joint select committee of five on the part of the Senate, and on the part of the House, be appointed, and known as the "Relief Committee," to whom shall be referred all Bills, Resolutions and Proposals for the relief of debtors and upon subjects pertaining thereto.

The blank on the part of the Senate was filled with three, and Messrs. King, McGraw and Martin appointed on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Hawkins, by leave, introduced a bill entitled "an act to legalize the assessment of the county of Harrison, in the year 1855," which was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Seal, by leave, introduced a bill to amend section 61, article 28, page 621, of the Revised Code, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Lyles, by leave, introduced a bill to repeal an act approved Nov. 24th, 1865, entitled "An act to amend an act approved Nov. 24th, 1865," which was read twice and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Miller, by leave, introduced a bill to allow defendants in certain cases to testify in their own defence, which was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A message was then received from the Governor which is too long for insertion here and appears in our supplement.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the message was read.

On motion of Mr. McGraw, the Governor's message was laid on the table, and five thousand copies ordered to be printed, and the same made the special order for to-morrow 9 o'clock.

Mr. Seal offered a joint resolution, the Senate and House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House make arrangements with the Post Master for the prepayment of postage on public documents mailed by members of their respective Houses.

Mr. Yerger moved to lay on the table and to make the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock, which was lost.

The original resolution was then adopted, and on motion of Mr. Seal, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Pursuant to Proclamation of the Governor, the House of Representatives met at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. J. Gholson, Speaker, being absent, the House was called to order by the Clerk, R. C. Miller, Esq.

On motion of Mr. Milton, the Hon. F. B. Irby, of Panama, was selected, by acclamation, Speaker pro tem, and the following members appeared in their seats and answered to their names:

Messrs. Barry, Beachamp, Blanchard, Boodie, Boone, Brown, Lewis, of Kenner, Brown, of Yalobusha, Burges, Burton, Cameron, Caperton, Cole, Cromwell, Daniel, Dutton, Duff, Ellis, Gilchrist, Griffin, Gresham, Hamilton, Hanson, Hearne, Healy, Hillier, Irby, Jones, Kennedy, Kendall, Lahaue, Lewis, Lewis, of Madison, Malley, Martin, Martin, Merrill, Millard, Morris, Melina, Melaney, Murray, Owen, Penick, Keller, Phillips, Phelps, Ponder, Ponder, Heisterston, Seal, Simonton, Stearns, Simons, Thornberry, Thompson, Webb, of Amite, Webb, of Franklin, Williams—64.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

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Hillier, were appointed the committee on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate announcing its concurrence in the foregoing resolution.

The joint committee, through Mr. Lahaue, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that the Governor would submit a communication in writing at 3 o'clock, P. M.

On motion the House adjourned until 9 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

House met pursuant to adjournment, Hon. Samuel J. Gholson, Speaker, in the chair. Hon. John West, Jr., member elect from the county of Wayne, presented his credentials and took the oath of office.

Mr. Milton offered the following resolution: That the Clergy of the city be respectfully requested to open the morning sessions of this House by invoking the blessing of Deity upon its deliberations.

Mr. Lyles, by leave, introduced the following entitled bill, which were read and laid on the table for the present:

An act to authorize the guardian of Wm. S. Wilson to sell certain real estate in the county of Claiborne.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Grand Gulf and Fort Gibson Railroad Company, approved October 16, 1852.

A message from the Governor, through his Private Secretary, was received and read. (See Supplement.)

On motion of Mr. Duff, the message of the Governor was laid on the table, three thousand copies ordered to be printed, and that it be made the special order for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Lahaue, the accompanying documents were laid on the table with a view to their reference to appropriate committees.

Mr. Hillier gave notice that he would on Wednesday morning next introduce a resolution in reference to the imprisonment of Mr. Jefferson Davis.

Mr. Dotson offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the Decker of this House be directed to arrange with the proprietors of the "Clarion" and "Mississippi" newspapers published in the city of Jackson, to furnish their daily issue to each member of the House during the present session of the Legislature.

Mr. Milton moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion was lost.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the resolution, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Seal, of Hancock, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of Shieldsborough, and for other purposes.

Which was read the first time by its title, and on motion of Mr. Seal was referred to a select committee of four.

The Speaker appointed as said committee Messrs. Seal, of Hancock, Kendall, Steele and Healy.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, the following entitled bill was taken from the table: "An act to authorize the guardian of William S. Wilson to sell certain real estate in the county of Claiborne."

And on motion of Mr. Lewis the bill was referred to a select committee of three.

The speaker appointed as said committee, Messrs. Lewis, Hillier and Cameron.

Resolved, by the Senate, that the bill entitled "an act to amend an act approved Nov. 24th, 1865," which was read twice and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the blank in the resolution was filled with the number five, as the committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Boone, the resolution of the Senate was concurred in.

The speaker appointed the committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Simrall, Jones, Stratt, Griffin and Lyle.

The Senate bill entitled "an act to incorporate the Pass Christian College in the county of Harrison," which was read the first time by its title and passed.

Mr. Irby introduced a memorial from the Board of Police of Panama county, in relation to the assessment of lands in said county the present year.

On motion of Mr. Irby, it was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Liddell, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled "an act to the civil disabilities of James S. Murray," which was read twice under a suspension of the rule.

Mr. Lahaue offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

That the words "and his heirs" be hereby extended, to Edward Wood of DeSoto county.

On motion of Mr. Lahaue, the rule was further suspended, the bill read a third time and passed; title being amended so as to include the name of Robert Wood of DeSoto county.

Mr. Lewis, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled "an act to remove the civil disabilities of Elizabeth Morry, Cora J. Murray and James S. Murray," which was read three several times under a suspension of the rule and passed—title standing as above.

On motion of Mr. Healy, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

SECOND DAY.

TUESDAY, Oct. 16th, 1866.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Russell.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that they concurred in Senate joint resolution as to a joint committee to be known as the "Relief Committee," and have filed the blank with five, which message was read and passed.

On motion of Mr. McGraw, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House Messages.

House bill for the relief of James C. Purcell, a minor of Carroll county, was announced by Mr. Stephens, by including B. F. May a minor of Calhoun county, and passed.

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On motion of Mr. Lowry, the bill was amended by adding the name of John Shields, of Rankin county, and passed.

Mr. Wisdom, by leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Eastport Oil Mining and Manufacturing Company, which was passed.

Mr. Martin, by leave, introduced a bill to authorize the reception of certain Auditor's warrants in payment of the special tax due the State, which was on motion of Mr. Lyles, referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Robinson, by leave, introduced a bill to establish the Washok agricultural district, which was referred to a select committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Robinson, Lyles and Miller.

Mr. Hawkins introduced a bill to remove the civil disabilities of Mary Taylor Smith and Margaret Lyles Smith, which was passed.

Mr. Miller introduced a bill to amend article 101 of Probate Court Law, Revised Code, page 410, which passed.

Mr. McGraw asked leave to introduce a resolution in respect to the memory of Hon. Simon Oliver, for years Senator for the county of DeSoto, and addressed the Senate in favor of said resolution, as follows:

Mr. President—In offering these resolutions, I am aware that the subject of this tribute was not a member of the Senate at the time of his death. He was my predecessor, Hon. Simon Oliver, a member of the Senate of Mississippi, and throughout that long period, embracing, as it did, the darkest and most perilous hour in our country's history, he was ever found at his post, and yet the President can bear testimony to the Roman firmness, the high administrative abilities, the lofty sense of honor, the devotion and zeal that ever characterized the late Senator from DeSoto, and in the discharge of his legislative duties.

No public character in our annals seems more worthy of imitation—assiduous, prompt, indefatigable and devoted—he was among the foremost in promoting all the great interests of the Republic, and guarding with vigilant care her fame, her honor and her property.

At home, where he was best known, he was looked up to as a model—instructions, past and present, he had in all the varied relations of his husband, father, neighbor, christian, patriot—he stood uppermost in the hearts and affections of his people. I speak but the voice of a grateful constituency, and hope that I may meet a cordial response from every seat present.

The Resolution was then unanimously adopted as follows:

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Resolved, That in Mr. Oliver, the State has lost one of its best and most useful citizens, who in his long career as a member of this body evinced the qualities of a wise, prudent, and sagacious legislator, bringing in aid of the most patient and laborious devotion to the duties of his station, the resources of a strong and well-cultivated intellect, and of a mature and far-seeing judgment; and who by his uniform kindness and generosity, and his lofty sense of propriety and honor endeared himself to the hearts of all with whom he was associated.

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On motion of Mr. Martin that part of the Governor's message relative to the Civil Rights Bill recently passed by Congress, was referred to the committee on State and Federal Relations.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, that portion which refers to the Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports was referred to the committee on the Auditor's and Treasurer's offices respectively.

On motion of Mr. Martin, a resolution was adopted by the Senate, the House concurring, that that portion of the Governor's message which relates to the Chickasaw School Fund be referred to a select committee of three on the part of the Senate and on the part of the House.

Messrs. Martin, Mosely and McCargo were appointed as the committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, that portion of the Governor's message which refers to the Orphan's Home at Lauderdale Springs was referred to the committee on Education, and that portion which refers to Disabled Soldiers was referred to a select committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Stephens, Jackson and Hawkins.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, so much of the Governor's message as refers to public buildings was referred to the standing committee on Public Buildings.

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Resolved, That the Committee on the Penitentiary be instructed to prepare and introduce a bill as early as a day of the present session possible, providing for the leasing out, for a series of years, the Penitentiary of this State.

Mr. Montgomery was excused by request from serving on the Committee on the Treasurer's office.

On motion that House messages were considered by the Senate.

The House substitute for Senate resolution in relation to Postage was read and took its place on the Calendar.

This resolution makes it the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to furnish each member of the two Houses \$1.50 worth of stamps each week of the session, taking his receipt for the same. The various officers of the Legislature to be allowed the same amount.

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