

Mr. Wælder moved to suspend the rule, and take up Senate's bills on the Speaker's stand, with the view of their reference to proper committees.

Mr. Branch, one of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled, and properly signed, the bill to define the time of holding the courts in the Nineteenth Judicial District, and that the same had been presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed the bill to Reorganize the Eighteenth Judicial District.

Mr. Davis of H., moved to adjourn till half-past three o'clock, P. M. Lost.

On motion, the House adjourned till half-past nine o'clock, A. M., on Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Monday, Jan., 28th, 1861. }

The House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—journal of Saturday read and adopted.

Mr. Buckley, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to amend the 12th section of an act, entitled an act concerning proceedings in the District Courts, approved March 16th, 1848, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Darnell, chairman of committee on Federal Relations, reported as follows :

The committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the Ordinance of secession passed by the Alabama State Convention, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House, with the request that the Speaker transmit the same to the President of the Convention of the State of Texas.

They have, also, had under consideration a set of resolutions, adopted by a portion of the citizens of Montgomery county, Texas, called Union Resolutions.

The committee instruct me to report them back to the House and ask that they be laid on the table.

Mr. Morris, one of the committee on Judiciary, report a bill to postpone forced sales. Read first and second times.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, the rule was suspended, and the reports of Messrs. Buckley and Morris were taken up, and 100 copies of each ordered to be printed by to-morrow.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed, a joint resolution concerning the Convention of the people of Texas, called in pursuance of the Bill of Rights.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had passed a bill for the relief of railroads in Texas.

Also, a joint resolution relating to coercion.

Mr. Lewis of M., offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, whatever ordinance or ordinances shall be passed by the Convention which is to meet here to-day, shall be submitted to the people for their approval or disapproval.

Mr. Nelson moved to postpone the resolution until next Thursday.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the resolution was laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Mabry, one of the committee on Judiciary, reported a substitute for the bill to amend Article 1139, of O. & W. Digest, regulating Justices' Courts, and recommend its passage.

Mr. Stewart, one of the committee on Judiciary, reported a bill to amend sections 149 and 154 of an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in the District Courts, approved 13th May, A. D., 1846," and to amend an act to amend the 151st section of an act to regulate proceedings in the Districts Courts, approved May, 13th, 1846, approved December 24th, A. D., 1851. Read first and second times.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, all the bills reported upon by the Judiciary committee this morning, were taken up. One hundred copies of each ordered to be printed, and were made the special order of the day for Wednesday next.

Mr. Culberson introduced a bill to encourage manufactories in the State of Texas. Read first and second times and referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Mills offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on Frontier Protection be requested to enquire of his Excellency, whether or not, any and what services were rendered by Capt. Hamner and his company, of Jack county, in the protection of the frontier, during the spring of 1860, and why there is no recommendation for the payment of the same, in common with the other companies called out by the Governor, and reported to this House in his late message. Laid over one day for consideration.

The hour having arrived the special order, to-wit :

The report from special committee on frontier defence, recommending amendments to a bill to protect the frontier of Texas, and the passage of the bill was taken up.

Mr. Nelson, proposed to amend the amendments by striking out all after El Paso in 5th line of amendments and insert :

"That all unorganized counties be attached as for Judicial purposes, adopted and amendments by committee adopted."

On motion of Mr. Davis of H., "Blanco," was added after "El Paso."

On motion of Mr. Wrede, Kerr, was added after "Gillespie."

Mr. Redwine proposed to amend as follows :

"That an act approved January 2nd, 1860, for the protection of the frontier be and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr. Nelson proposed to amend the amendment as follows :

"*Provided*, however, that the volunteers now in the field under said bill shall receive pay for their services, and their term of service shall expire at the end of three months from the time of being mustered into service under the order of the Governor."

Mr. Redwine accepted the amendment, and the amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Darnell, proposed to amend as follows :

In section 3rd, line 2nd, strike out "one and a half," and insert, "two and a half," Lost and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Shannon, rule suspended, and bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Wrede moved to amend by striking out the restriction as to time; in the second section. Withdrawn.

Mr. Duncan moved to amend by adding "\$2 00 per day," instead of "\$1 50."

On motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Ellett, introduced a bill to amend an act authorizing unpaid warrants on the Treasury, to bear interest. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Warfield, introduced a bill to attached the unorganized counties of Wichita, Willbarger, Hardeman and Green, to the county of Clay, so as to form one land district. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Parker introduced a bill to change the time of holding courts in the 9th Judicial District. Read first and second times.

On motion of Mr. Parker, rule was suspended, bill read.

Mr. Morris moved to refer to Judiciary committee. Lost and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Parker, rule further suspended, bill read third time.

Mr. Morris moved to refer the bill to a select committee, with instructions to report immediately. Lost and bill passed.

Mr. Duncan introduced a bill supplementary to an act providing for the appointment of pilots, passed April 7th, 1846. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Parker introduced a bill to reorganize the 16th Judicial District and to define the time of holding courts therein. Read first and second times.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the rule was suspended. Bill read and ordered to be engrossed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The resolution calling upon the Governor, for information as to how much money will be necessary to maintain Texas as a separate government, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Rose laid on the table.

Senate's bill supplemental to, and amendatory of an act to incorporate the San Antonio and Mexican Gulf Railroad Company and supplemental to, and amendatory of the several acts supplemental to and amendatory of the above recited act, was taken up and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Lynch, rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Lynch, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed by two-third vote.

Senate's bill to amend the act, incorporating the Air Line Railroad Company, taken up read first time.

On motion of Mr. Davis of B., the rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of B., the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed by two-third vote.

Senate's bill supplemental to an act to incorporate the Houston, Trinity and Tyler Railroad Company, taken up, read first time, and referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

Senate's bill for the relief of the Houston and Central Texas Railroad Company, taken up, read first time and referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

Senate's bill for the relief of the Houston, Tap and Brazoria Railroad Company, taken up, read first time and passed to second reading.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed by two third vote.

Senate's bill, to amend an act, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Columbus, San Antonio and Rio Grande Railroad Company, passed February 8, 1860, taken up read first time and passed to second time.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, rule was further suspended, bill read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed by two-third vote.

Senate's bill providing what shall be *prima facie* evidence in certain cases in suit, brought in the courts of the State of Texas, taken up read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Senate's bill to attach the county of Wilson to the 18th Judicial District, and to amend the act entitled an act to provide for time of holding the courts in the several counties, in the 18th Judicial District, approved Feb. 11, 1860, taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Wælder laid on the table.

Report from committee on Stock and Stock Raising, recommending the passage of the bill supplemental to an act entitled an act to regulate estrays, with amendments by the committee was taken up, and the amendments adopted.

Mr. Nelson moved to amend by adding, section three.

Mr. Mills moved that if the Convention did not meet, the Hall was to be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Carter, to deliver an address this evening at 7 o'clock. Carried.

On motion the House adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow, pending Mr. Nelson's amendment.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Tuesday, Jan., 29th, 1861. }

The House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Lewis of M., presented the petition of sundry citizens of Montgomery county. Referred to committee on Federal Relations.

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate had passed the joint resolution, concerning the Convention of the people, called in pursuant of the Bill of Rights.

Mr. Foscue, chairman of committee on Internal Improve-