

Mr. Armstrong proposed to amend by additional sections Lost, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Davis of H., the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

The two substitutes by the Senate for the House's bill directing how the proceeds of the sale of the University lands now in the Treasury shall be applied, was taken up, read first time.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the substitute directing how certain funds now in the Treasury shall be applied, was taken up, read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Nelson the substitute making an appropriation to pay for supplies furnished the troops now on the frontier, was read second time and referred to committee on Finance.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Wednesday, Jan., 30th, 1861. }

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

Mr. Branch, one of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled and properly signed, a bill directing how certain funds now in the Treasury shall be applied, and that the same had been presented to the Governor for his signature and approval.

Mr. Armstrong, one of the committee on Public Lands, reported, recommending the passage of a bill to attach the unorganized counties of Whichita, Walbarger, Hardeman and Green to the county of Clay, so as to form one land district, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Crawford introduced a bill to reduce the price of public lands. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Finance.

Mr. Dennis, chairman of committee of State Affairs, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to encourage the establishment of manufactories in the State of Texas.

Mr. Flewellen introduced a bill providing for the government of slaves. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Slaves and Slavery.

Mr. Darnell presented the petition of Sarah H. Cockrell. Referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Waterhouse introduced a bill to prohibit the emancipation of slaves. Read first and second times and referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Nelson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on Claims and Accounts, be instructed to enquire into the accounts of S. M. Swenson, for supplies furnished Col. M. T. Johnson's late regiment, with power to send for persons and papers, and report to this House. Adopted.

Mr. Redwine introduced a joint resolution, pledging to maintain the Southern States in the present crisis. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Clark introduced a bill to authorize the county court of Nacogdoches county, to regulate the pay of sheriff therein in certain cases. Read first and second times and referred to Judiciary committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The resolution calling upon the Governor for correspondence between himself and Comptroller, taken up.

Mr. Dougherty proposed to amend as follows :

“ Provided, That if from any cause the Governor shall not be able to supply said correspondence, then it shall be the duty of the chief clerk of the Comptroller's office to furnish the same complete.” Adopted, and resolution as amended adopted.

Mr. Lewis of M., moved to take from the table his resolution concerning submitting Ordinance of secession to the people for ratification, and calling for the yeas and nays.

The motion was lost by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Armstrong, Branch, Caddell, Camp, Clark, Dickson, Ellett, Epperson, Hancock, Harrison of V. Z., Houghton, Hubert, Lewis of M., Lynch, McKnight, Mundine, Redgate, Taylor, Whitmore, and Wrede—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Anderson, Barclay, Baxter, Billingsly, Bryan, Buckley, Craig, Crawford, Crook, Cumby, Dale, Darnell, Davis of H., Dennis, Duncan, Flewellen, Francis, Franklin, Foscue, Hall, Harrison of C., Henry, Hubbard, Lewis, of R., Lewter, Mabry, Maverick, Maxey, Morris, McCutcheon, Mills, Munson, Nelson, Owens, Parker, Perry, Redwine, Robinson, Ross, Rose, Shelton, Short, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Wælder, Walworth, Warfield, Whitfield and Wortham—50.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed :

Bill changing the time of holding courts in the 9th Judicial District.

Bill to reorganize the 16th Judicial District, and to define the time of holding courts therein, and

Bill supplemental to the act to regulate estrays.

Senate's bill for relief of railroads in Texas, taken up, read first and second times and referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Mills introduced a bill to authorize the Commissioner of General Land Office to issue patents upon surveys, heretofore not made in the form required by law, approved Jan., 17, 1860. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Public Lands.

Senate's bill to provide payment of the expenses incurred by the bearer of dispatches sent by the Governor to Washington city, taken up read first and second times, and referred to committee on Finance.

Report from committee on Judiciary, recommending passage of bill to prescribe the order in which cases shall be determined in the Supreme Court, taken up, bill read second time.

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

A bill to amend the 12th section of the act concerning proceedings in the District Courts, approved March 16th, 1848. Read second time.

Mr. Buckley proposed to amend, by striking out "returnable," in fourth line, and insert "returned served."

A message was received from the Senate transmitting a message from the Governor.

The following message from the Governor, was taken from the Speaker's stand and read :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Jan., 30, 1861. }

Gentlemen of the Senate

and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to transmit to your honorable body, the joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee, in reference to certain resolutions adopted by the Legislature of the State of New York.

In these perilous times, it is proper that the Representatives of the people of Texas, should meet at the threshold every assault upon their liberties, and whether that assault comes in the form of threats, or actual invasion, it should be alike repelled.

Having called you together to provide for an expression of the sovereign will of the people at the ballot-box, I also deem it my duty to declare, that while the freemen of Texas are deliberating upon this question, no impending threat of coercion

from the people of another State, should be permitted to hang over them, without at least meeting the condemnation of their Representatives.

Whatever that sovereign will may be, when fairly expressed, it must be maintained. Texas as one man will defend it. While the Executive, would not counsel foolish bravado, he deems it a duty we owe to the people, to declare that even though their action shall bring upon us the consequences which now seem impending, we will all, be our views in the past and present what they may, be united.

SAM HOUSTON.

Mr. Lewis of M., moved to print 2,000 copies of the message and accompanying documents.

Mr. Lynch moved to amend by saying 5,000 copies. Carried, and 5,000 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Buckley's amendment to the bill pending before the House, was adopted and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Buckley, the rule was suspended and the bill read third time.

Mr. Culberson offered a substitute for the bill.

Mr. Mabry, chairman of committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled :

An act making appropriation to pay the mileage and per diem of the Presidential Electors, and

A joint resolution concerning the Convention of the people of Texas, called in pursuance of the bill of rights, and the same was properly signed and presented to the Governor for his signature and approval.

On motion of Mr. Munson, the chief clerk of this House, was instructed to furnish a copy of the Governor's message received to day to the Convention.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Thursday, January 31, 1861. }

House met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called—quorum present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed a bill to provide for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas.

Mr. Culberson introduced a bill to provide for the return of field notes of surveys that have become forfeited. Read first and second times, and referred to committee on Public Lands.