

Mr. Hancock introduced a bill to amend the laws for the assessment and collection of Taxes. Read first and second times, and referred to committee on Finance.

Also, introduced a bill amending the laws to raise a revenue by taxation. Read first and second times, and referred to committee on Finance.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had concurred in the amendments of the House to a bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the Houston, Trinity and Tylor Railroad Company, and had amended and passed House bill changing the time of holding courts in Nineteenth Judicial District.

Also, had passed the bill to incorporate the La Vaca Wharf Company, originating in the Senate.

Mr. Taylor presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Fannin county, which, on his motion, was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Flewellen offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the joint resolution upon coercion to the Governors of the several States, and also to the Governors of the States which have seceded from the American Union. Adopted.

Mr. Stewart introduced a bill relative to the spring terms of the several District Courts during the year A. D. 1861. Read first and second times, and referred to Judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Buckley, the further morning business was dispensed with, and the bill and substitute, pending when the House adjourned, was taken up

On motion, the House adjourned till ten o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Friday, February 1, 1861. }

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

Mr. Mabry presented a petition of sundry citizens of Marion county. Referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Foscue, chairman of committee on Internal Improvements, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to amend the tenth section of an act, supplementary to an act supplementary and amendatory of the act to regulate Railroad Companies, approved February 7, 1853; approved December 19, 1857; approved February 8, 1860.

On motion of Mr. Foscue, the rule was suspended, report taken up, bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Mr. Foscue, chairman of committee on Internal Improvements, reported a bill amendatory and supplemental of the act to incorporate the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific Railroad Company, approved February 4, 1856, and the act supplemental thereto, approved February 4, 1856, and the act amendatory thereto, approved August 25, 1856, and the act amendatory thereto, approved February 10, 1858. Read first and second time.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had refused to concur in the amendments of the House to the Senate's bill for the relief of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company, and had appointed Messrs. Gentry, Martin and Throckmorton, a committee of conference, and ask for a like committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Branch, one of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled a bill, supplementary to an act to incorporate the Houston, Trinity and Tyler Railroad Company, and to the acts amendatory of and supplemental thereto; and that the same had been properly signed, and presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Foscue, chairman of committee on Internal Improvements, reported as follows:

The committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the Senate bill for the relief of Railroads in Texas, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report that, in the opinion of the committee, it is much better to extend to each road the relief it may need in a separate act. That the bill under consideration is so vague and general in its terms, and may contain more than was intended; that it may admit of many different constructions: the committee are, therefore, of the opinion that the bill ought not to pass.

Also, reported as follows:

The committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the petition of Sarah Crockett, instruct me to report, that although there is a case of much merit presented in the petition to the consideration of this House, the committee has no doubt but that the next Legislature will promptly extend all necessary relief to the petitioner, and as the subject matter of the petition is both local and private, the committee believe there is no real necessity for action upon the subject at the present time.

Mr. Henderson moved that the committee of Conference requested by the Senate, on the bill for the relief of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company, be appointed. Carried, and,

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Anderson, Mills, Darnell, Manly and Cumby.

Mr. Buckley introduced a bill to provide for submitting the question of secession to the people. Read first and second time.

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

Mr. Wælder proposed to amend, as follows:

"At all precincts where any electors do not understand, or speak, the English language, the officers of election may swear an interpreter, who shall interpret the votes of such electors."

Mr. Taylor proposed to amend, by striking out "viva voce," and insert "by ballot." Strike out February "23", and insert "29"; and add, that "the question shall be 'secession, or no secession?'"

Mr. Foscue moved the previous question, which was seconded.

The question being, shall the main question be now put?

Mr. Taylor called for the yeas and nays, and the main question was ordered, by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Barclay, Baxter, Benevides, Billingsly, Buckley, Caddell, Craig, Crawford, Crooks, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Darnell, Davis of B., Davis of H., Dennis, Duncan, Edwards, Flewellen, Francis, Franklin, Foscue, Hall, Harrison of C., Harrison of V. Z., Henderson, Houghton, Hubbard, Hubert, Lewis of R., Lewter, Lynch, Mabry, Manley, Maxey, Morris, McKnight, Mills, Munson, Navarro, Nelson, Parker, Perry, Pirkey, Redwine, Robinson, Ross, Rose, Shannon, Shelton, Short, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Wælder, Walworth, Warfield, Waterhouse, Whitfield, Wortham and Wrede—63.

NAYS—Messrs. Bogart, Branch, Camp, Clark, Ellett, Epper-son, Hancock, Hartley, Lewis of M., Maverick, McCutcheon, Middleton, Mundine, Owens, Redgate, Taylor and Whitmore—17.

The main question being, the engrossment of the bill, the same was put, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Buckley moved to suspend rule, and put bill on final reading.

Mr. Mills moved to adjourn till ten o'clock, to-morrow. Lost; and Mr. Buckley's motion carried.

Mr. Lewis, of M., moved to adjourn till nine o'clock, A. M., Monday. Lost.

Mr. Lewis, of M., moved to strike out "viva voce," and insert "ballot."

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the main question was ordered, and the bill passed by the following vote; Mr. Whitmore calling for the yeas and nays:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Barclay, Baxter, Benvides, Billingsly, Branch, Bryan, Buckley, Caddell, Craig, Crawford, Crooks, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Darnell, Davis of B., Davis of H., Dennis, Duncan, Ellett, Flewellen, Francis, Eranklin, Foscue, Hall, Harrison of C., Harrison of V. Z., Hartley, Henderson, Houghton, Hubbard, Hubert, Lewis of M., Lewis of R., Lewter, Lynch, Mabry, Manly, Maverick, Maxey, Morris, McOutcheon, McKnight, Middleton, Mills, Munson, Navarro, Nelson, Parker, Perry, Pirkey, Redwine, Robinson, Ross, Rose, Shannon, Shelton, Short, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Wælder, Walworth, Warfield, Waterhouse, Whitfield, Wortham and Wrede—70.

NAYS—Messrs. Camp, Clark, Edwards, Epperson, Norton, Owens, Redgate, Taylor and Whitmore—9.

On motion, the House adjourned till nine o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Saturday, February 2, 1861. }

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

Mr. Buckley, chairman of committee on Judiciary, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to prohibit the emancipation of slaves.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed a bill Prescribing Police Regulations in respect to Slaves.

Mr. Davis of B., one of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled, and properly signed, the following bills:

Bill to reorganize the Eighteenth Judicial District, and regulate the time of holding courts therein.

A bill for the relief of the Houston, Tap and Brazoria Railroad Company.

A bill supplemental to an act to Incorporate the San Antonio and Mexican Gulf Railroad Company, and supplemental to, and