
Mr. Hartly moved to suspend call of the House. Lost.

And the bill passed.

On motion the House adjourned till 10 o'clock, A. M., Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Monday, January 23d, 1860.

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

Mr. Norton, one of the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, reported, recommend the passage of the bill to permit J. L. Brown to construct a bridge across the Sabine river.

Mr. Walworth, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of John Smith.

Mr. Parker, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Wm. P. Tindall.

Also, reported a bill granting land to W. O. Burnham and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Also, recommended the passage of the bill for the relief of Leiper Willoughby.

Also, reported, recommending the passage of the bill validating unconditional certificate No. 576, issued to S. Pangburn, niece of C. L. Wood.

The committee on Enrolled Bills reported as follows:

To the Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The committee on Enrolled Bills have examined the following bills, to-wit:

An act for the relief of Stephen Kelly; and

An act to incorporate the Factor's Cotton Press Company.

A bill to amend the first, fifth, seventh, thirteenth and seventeenth sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Houston, Trinity and Tyler Railroad Company.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Starville Union Academy.
A bill supplementary to an act entitled an act to ascertain what land certificates have been illegally issued by the County Court of counties in Peter's Colony, and to provide for issuing patents on such of said certificates as are legal; and find the same correctly enrolled, properly signed, and have this day been presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as follows:

The committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following bills, and report them correctly engrossed:

A bill for the relief of the widow and heirs of Lorenzo de Zavala.

Also, a bill for the relief of K. Bigham White.

Also, a bill to incorporate Lexington Male and Female Academy.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to encourage the citizens of El Paso county to irrigate the Rio Grande valley.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act, supplementary to an act, entitled an act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds, deposits, and other instruments of writing executed out of this State, approved May 8th, 1846.

Mr. Flewellen introduced a bill for the relief of Claudius Baxter. Read first time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Nelson introduced a joint resolution appropriating money for H. C. Lavely. Read first time.

Mr. Dickson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, The Senate concurring, the two Houses of the Legislature will adjourn sine die on Monday the 6th day of February, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the bill making appropriation to pay Assessors and Collectors for taking the scholastic census, was taken up read, second time and passed to third reading.

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

Mr. Foscoe, chairman of committee on Internal Improvements, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to incorporate the Central Transit; with amendments.

Amend second section: Provided that this road is not to cross the San Antonio river above Goliad, nor the Rio Grande above Laredo, nor the Colorado above Wharton, and that the extension eastwardly is not to go further than the nearest railroad east of said river.
Amend sixth section by inserting after "sixty-six" in second line: "and twenty-five miles of it must be completed by the first of the year 1864."

Amend the last section as follows: And at the same time this charter shall expire, unless the work shall have been commenced by making five miles of the railroad, or the company shall have deposited — thousand dollars in cash or stock, issued by the Government of the U. S. of A., with the Comptroller of this State, subject to withdrawal on the making of twenty-five miles of the railroad within the prescribed time, and by forfeiture in case of failure of such performance; which performance and deposit shall be under supervision of the Governor of this State.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had passed the House's bill to repeal the 17th section of the act to regulate railroad companies, approved Feb'y 7th, 1859; and had passed a bill for the relief of heirs of Andrew J. Ford, dec'd.

Mr. McKnight offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bills "to raise the revenue by direct taxation," "to repeal the act to establish the University of Texas," "to donate lands to institutions of learning," "to regulate extradition," "to re-organize the Court of Claims," "the General Railroad Bill," and the "Appropriation Bill," shall have precedence of all other bills, until they are finally disposed of for the session; and this resolution from its adoption, shall be a standing rule of this House.

Laid over one day for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Lewis of M., the bill granting land to counties for Free School was taken up, read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

On motion of Mr. Elliott, the bill to authorize the use of the U. S. Bonds set apart to the University of Texas, to meet appropriations made for frontier protection was taken up, read first time and passed to second reading.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Buckley, the joint resolution from the Senate relative to increasing the number of Supreme Judges, was taken up and read second time.

Mr. Buckley proposed to amend by adding the joint resolution
of the House, depriving the Legislature of the power to relieve any corporation from the payment of any money loaned to such corporation. Adopted.

Mr. Buckley proposed to amend further by inserting:

"Sec. 2. That the above amendments be numbered and submitted to a vote of the Electors of the State, so they may vote upon each one separately." Adopted, and the bill passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Culberson, the rule was suspended, and the Senate's bill to provide for the publication of a complete Digest of the reports of the Supreme Court was taken up, read first time and referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed, the following named bills:

- Bill to prevent judgments from becoming dormant.
- Bill for relief of the heirs of James T. White, dec'd.
- Bill for relief of the heirs of Geo. W. Wilson, dec'd.
- Bill granting land to Lavaca Navigation Company.
- Bill to incorporate the San Antonio Gas Company.
- Bill to incorporate the Jacksonville and Neches Bridge Company.
- Bill to amend the 24th section of the act to consolidate in one act, and to amend the several acts incorporating the city of Galveston.

Mr. Lawler introduced a bill to amend the 6th section of the act amendatory of the laws to raise revenue by taxation. Read first time and referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Barclay introduced a bill for the relief of WM. L. Foster. Read first time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Whitfield introduced a bill for the benefit of Colleges in Texas. Read first time and referred to committee on Education.

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

- The bill to regulate estrays was taken up, read second time.
- Mr. Parker proposed to amend section 4th, line 4th: strike out "horse stealing," and insert "theft of such animal."—Adopted.

Mr. Davis of H., proposed to amend by striking out 5th and 6th line, section 9. Adopted.

Mr. Elliott proposed to amend by inserting in section 7, line 2nd after "moderation," "in which case he shall receive nothing for keeping the same." Adopted.

Mr. Wallace proposed to amend by adding an additional section, to-wit:

"Sec. — There shall be established by county brand for each
county, in the following manner, to-wit: the existing counties shall be numbered in alphabetical order by the County Courts from No. one upwards, and the owners of stock shall brand their animals with such county brands, in addition to the private brands used by them."

On motion of Mr. Parker, laid on the table.

Mr. Townes proposed to amend section 12th, line 2nd after "inscription," insert: "in substance a description of the animal, and by whom taken up, and the county where taken up—and abbreviating the words describing the animal." Adopted.

Mr. Culberson moved to reconsider the vote passing the bill for the relief of Geo. W. King:

And on motion of Mr. Culberson, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the vote was reconsidered by the following vote:


On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the vote rejecting Mr. Short’s amendment was reconsidered, and the amendment adopted, and the bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the vote passing the bill as amended was reconsidered.

Mr. Henderson proposed to amend by adding: "and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

Mr. Nelson proposed to amend the amendment as follows: "and that the name of H. C. Lazenby be inserted in the caption and body of the bill, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay said Lazenby $1,000 on the warrant of the Comptroller, authorized by a previous act of this Legislature, and that the sum of $2,000, is hereby appropriated to pay said demands." Adopted, and the amendment as amended adopted, and the bill passed.

The bill to regulate estrays was again taken up.
Mr. Armstrong proposed to amend 7th line, 15th section, by striking out "two years" and inserting "one year."

Mr. Nelson moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question ordered, which being the engrossment of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Ross, and the bill ordered to be engrossed by the following vote:


Mr. Harrison of V. Z., moved to adjourn till 3 o'clock, P. M.

Lost.

Mr. Crawford, one of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed the bill for the relief of Mrs. Wm. Gamble, late widow of John Carroll.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the rule was suspended, and the bill to regulate strays was taken up.

Mr. Stewart proposed to amend section 14th, line 7, after the word "month," insert "between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 4 o'clock, P. M." Adopted.

Also, proposed to amend 12th line, same section, by inserting after "Court," "within ten days." Adopted.

Also, proposed to amend section 16th, line 5, between "office" and "such," insert "and if any sale of any animal in accordance with the 14th section of this act, the person making such sale shall not pay into the county treasury three-fourths of the amount of such sale." Adopted.

Also, proposed to amend section 15th, lines 16 and 17: strike out "horses and mules," and insert "except such as are mentioned in the 1st section."

Also, proposed to amend section 15, line 9, before "cow," insert "stray." Adopted.

Mr. Billingsley proposed to amend section 14th, line 10th: strike out "three-fourths," and insert "one-half." Rejected.

Mr. Crooks offered a substitute for sections 11 and 12.

On motion of Mr. Caddell, the main question was ordered,
which being on the final passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Crooks, and the bill passed by the following vote:


Mr. Mabry, chairman of committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as follows:

**COMMITTEE ROOM, January 23, 1860.**

Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The joint committee on Enrolled Bills, have examined the following bills, to-wit:

- A bill granting a pension to John S. Stump.
- A bill to authorize the town of Corsicana to levy a tax on ten pin alleys within the limits of said corporation; and
- A bill to prevent the sale of vinous, spirituous, or other intoxicating liquors, within one mile of the town of Starrville, in Smith county, and the town of Knoxville, in Cherokee county.

And find the same correctly enrolled, properly signed, and have this day presented the same to the Governor for his approval and signature.

H. P. MABBY,
Chairman House committee.

On motion, the House adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'Clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

The special order, to-wit: the bill to incorporate the Trinity Railroad Company, was taken up.

Mr. Bryan offered a substitute for said bill, which was adopted.

Mr. Hubbard proposed to amend by striking out all after 10th line in 3rd section, and insert: “Provided that this road shall terminate at its point of junction with the Houston, Trinity and Tyler Railroad, in the county of Houston, upon the following
conditions, to-wit: Provided, that in the event this road shall be constructed to said point of junction in said county, before the Houston, Trinity and Tyler road is constructed to the junction, then, but in no other event, this road may be constructed to the said town of Palestine." Adopted

Mr. Foscoe proposed to amend by adding at the end of section 15: this charter shall in all cases be subject to and subordinate to the General Railroad laws of this State. Adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, the rule was suspended, the bill read third time and passed by the following vote:


The bill to amend the 4th, 8th, 14th and 18th sections of the act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved 11th January, 1850, was taken up and adopted as a substitute for the bill to raise the revenue by direct taxation.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had passed the following House bills:

Bill to incorporate the San Antonio Gas Company.
Bill to incorporate the Jacksonville and Neches Bridge Company; and the following named Senate Bills:

Bill to incorporate the Alamo College.
Bill to incorporate San Antonio Female College.
Bill for relief of heirs of Mrs. Ellen Gibbs.
Bill for relief of Edwin B. Settle.
Bill to define the homestead in a town or city; and
Bill to authorize and require the clerks of the District Courts of Titus, Travis and San Augustine counties, to apportion the causes on the dockets of said courts.

Also, had concurred in the House's amendment to the bill for the relief of Geo. W. King.

Mr. Davis of H., proposed to amend the Tax bill by striking out "citizen," in 5th line, 15th section, and inserting "inhabitant."

Mr. Nelson proposed to substitute the amendment by saying "resident," instead of "inhabitant." Substitute adopted, and the amendment adopted.
Mr. Munclino proposed to amend section 8, line 11, by inserting "unimproved" before land.

Mr. Buckley offered the following as a substitute:

"Sec. 8. And further provided, that any person desiring to give in his land for taxation, situated in counties other than those of his residence, may make out a list or lists thereof under oath, containing an accurate description of the same, and the name of the original grantee, and transmit it to the assessor and collector of the county where the land lies; and upon the receipt of all such lists, it shall be the duty of the assessor and collector to assess the value of such land at its actual value, which may be paid to the Comptroller or assessor of the county where the owner resides." Substitute adopted.

Mr. Ross offered the following as an amendment:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent non-resident persons who own lands situated in other counties than those in which they reside, from giving them in for assessment in the county in which they are situated, as other citizens of said county. Which was accepted, and the amendment adopted.

Mr. Buckley proposed to amend by adding at end of 9th line, section 8: "in counties other than those of its locality." Rejected.

Mr. Henderson proposed to amend by adding at end of 18th section: Provided that minors shall have two years to redeem any land sold under this act, after their disability has been removed. Provided further, that the purchaser at tax sale shall forfeit all right to the redemption money, if he enters into possession or commits any waste on the land purchased within two years after the purchase at tax sale. Rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Franklin:


Mr. Henderson proposed to amend by adding at end of 18th section: Provided minors, married women, and persons non compos mentis, shall have two years to redeem any land sold under this act after their disability has been removed.

On motion of Mr. Harrison of V. Z., the main question was ordered, which being the engrossment of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill ordered to be engrossed by the following vote:

**YEAS—Messrs.**

1. Speaker Anderson Armstrong
2. Artz
3. Benefield
4. Baxter
5. Barnard
6. Bogart
7. Caddell
8. Camp
9. Craig
10. Crawford
11. Clark
12. Cumby
13. Dale
14. Daines
15. Davis
16. B. Flowell
17. T. F. Harrison
18. C. Harrison
19. V. Z.
20. Hartley
21. Haynes
22. Houghton
23. Hubbard
24. Kinney
25. Lewis
26. R.
27. Lowes
28. Lynch
29. Malby
30. Martin
31. Maverick
32. Maxey
33. McClarty
34. Mills
35. Nelson
36. Ovens
37. Parker
38. Perry
39. Redgate
40. Redwine
41. Robinson
42. Ross
43. Shannon
44. Shelton
45. Sprightly
46. Stewart
47. Townes
48. Walker
49. Walworth
50. Warfield
51. Wortham

**NAYS—Messrs.**

1. Branch
2. Bryan
3. Buckley
4. Crockett
5. Culberson
6. Davis
7. H.
8. Dennis
9. Dickson
10. Dougherty
11. Duncan
12. Edwards
13. Epperson
14. Franklin
15. Francis
16. Florence
17. Henderson
18. Henry
19. Lewis
20. M.
21. Manley
22. McCutchan
23. McKnight
24. Middleton
25. Mundine
26. Norton
27. Nutter
28. Whitfield
29. Whitmore

On motion, the House adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 O'Clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

The following named Senate bills were taken up, read first time and disposed of as indicated:

- Bill to require district clerks of Titus, San Augustine and Travis counties to apportion their dockets.
- On motion of Mr. Francis, the rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to third reading.
- On motion of Mr. McCutchan, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.
- Bill for relief heirs of Mrs. Ellen M. Gibbs. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.
- Bill for relief of E. B. Settle. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.
- Bill to incorporate San Antonio Female College.
- On motion of Mr. Camp, rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to third reading.
- On motion of Mr. Camp, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

**YEAS—Messrs.**

1. Speaker Anderson Armstrong
2. Billingsley
3. Bosque
Mr. Overstreet moved to suspend rule and read second time.

Lost.

Mr. McKnight called up the Senate bill to incorporate the Prairie Lea Female Institute at Prairie Lea, which was read second time and passed to third reading.

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


Bill to incorporate Alamo College.

Mr. Maverick moved to suspend rule and read second time.

Lost.

Mr. McKnight called up the Senate bill to incorporate the Prairie Lea Female Institute at Prairie Lea, which was read second time and passed to third reading.

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


Mr. Ellett called up the bill to authorize the County Courts of Wise and Denton to levy a special tax.

Mr. Nelson proposed to amend by inserting the counties of Bosque, Coryell, Comanche, Hamilton, Lampasas, Palo Pinto, Hill, Falls, Fort Bend, Jackson, Calhoun, Cameron, Hidalgo and Orange, after Denton, wherever it occurs. Adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Ellett, the rule was suspended.

Mr. Wrede proposed to add the county of Gillespie. Adopted, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Middleton called up the bill for the relief of John T. Wilson, which was read second time.

Mr. Middleton offered a substitute for the bill, which was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Middleton, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.
Mr. Dickson called up the bill for the relief of Gwynn Morrison, assee of John Sharp, which was read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Mr. Dennis called up bill to incorporate LaGrange College, which was read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote:


Mr. Navarro's name having been called, on motion of Mr. Weclder, the rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Weclder, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote:


NAYS—Mr. Posen—1.

Mr. Davis of H., called up the bill for the relief of the heirs of James Bowie, which was read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Mr. Nelson called up the bill to incorporate the Waco Classical School, which was read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote:
YEAS—Messrs. Speaker Anderson Armstrong Bar-  
gray Benesvides Billingsley Bogart Branch Bryan Buckley Caddell Craig  
Crawford Crooks Clark Culberson Daniels Davis of B. Davis of  
H. Dennis Dickson Dougherty Elliott Epperson Francis Foscue  
Hall Harrison of C. Harrison of V. Z. Hartley Henderson Hub-  
bard Lewis of M. Lewter Lynch Mabry Mauly Maverick Mc-  
Clary McKnight Middleton Mills Mundine Munson Nelson  
Norton Owens Parker Perry Redgate Redwine Robinson Ross  
Shannon Shelton Short Spaight Stewart Townes Walworth  
Warfield Waterhouse Whitfield Whitmore Wortham and Wrede  
—56.

Mr. Norton called up the Senate bill to amend the act amend-  
datory and supplementary to the act to encourage the improve-  
ment of the navigation of rivers, and other navigable waters of  
Texas, by making appropriation for the same; with report from  
committee recommending amendment, was taken up.

Mr. Buckley offered a substitute for the committee amend-  
ment, which was adopted, and the amendment adopted, and bill  
passed to third reading.

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

Mr. Davis of B., called up the bill for the relief of Wm. De-  
Woody, with report from committee recommending a substitute;  
which was adopted, bill read second time and ordered to be en-  
grossed.

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

Mr. Owens called up the bill to purchase Abstract of Valid  
Land Certificates, compiled by Barlage & Hollingsworth.

Mr. Maverick offered the following amendment:

Amend by giving to the heads of departments one copy each,  
and one copy to each county in the care of the county clerk.

Mr. Billingsley offered a substitute for the bill and the proposed  
amendment.

Mr. Henderson moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Mr. Mabry moved to lay the motion on the table.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the yeas and nays were ordered,  
and the House refused to indefinitely postpone the bill by the  
following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson Baxter Billingsley Bryan Buckley  
Davis of B. Davis of H. Dougherty Elliott Epperson Foscue Hall Har-  
rison of V. Z. Houghton Lewis of M. Lynch Mabry Martin Mc-  
Clary McKnight Middleton Mundine Munson Nelson Owens  
Parker Perry Redgate Redwine Robinson Ross Shannon Townes  
Welder Walworth and Wrede—24.
The question recurring on the indefinite postponement of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Billingsley, and the bill indefinitely postponed by the following vote:


Mr. Daniels called up the bill to incorporate the Hermann University, with report from committee recommending substitute; which was adopted.

Mr. Daniels proposed to amend by striking out the names of L. C. Evuberg, H. Schmidt, J. J. Seiper, C. Stoebe, and F. W. Huesman, wherever they occur, and insert the names of D. Dranb, Herman Ernst, Jacob Rien, E. Miller, Emil Jordt, K. Becker, Wm. Frees, Chas. Jordt, Herman Frees, and Edward Hummann. Adopted.

Mr. Redgate proposed to amend by adding to the 12th section: *Be it further enacted*, That the location of said Seminary shall be at some place designated by the president and trustees, near the line between Austin and Colorado counties, and between Mill Creek in Austin county, and Cummings Creek in Colorado county. Adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Daniels, the rule was suspended, the bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

**YEAS—Messrs. Speaker Anderson, Barclay, Baxter, Benevides, Bogart, Branch, Bryan, Buckley, Caddell, Camp, Craig, Crooks, Clark, Culberson, Dale, Daniels, Davis of B., Davis of H., Dennis, Dickson, Dougherty, Duncan, Epperson, Francis, Fosnec, Harrison, of C. Haynes, Henderson, Houghton, Kinney, Lewis of R., Lewter...**
House of Representatives.

Tuesday, January 24th, 1860.

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

On motion of Mr. Parker, the rule was suspended and the tax bill taken up, and made the special order of the day for 3 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Franklin moved to take up bill to reorganize the court of claims, refer it to special committee and make it special order for Friday next 11 o'clock. Lost.

Mr. Billingsley presented the petition of David L. Cross. Referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Redgate presented the petition of B. F. McMillan. Referred to Public Land committee.

Also, presented the petition of Neil McCoy. Referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of Joseph Lawrence. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Buckley, chairman of committee on Judiciary, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill to encourage a complete digest of the reports of the Supreme court.

Mr. Parker, one of the committees on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Dunning Thompson, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Mr. Dennis, chairman of committee on State Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of David Ayres, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Also, reported, recommending the passage of the bill providing for the disposition of runaway slaves.

Mr. Branch, one of the Judiciary committee, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to authorize the board of Aldermen of Huntsville, to levy a special tax in certain cases.

Mr. Mills moved to suspend rule, and take up the bill to determine what lands have been forfeited, and called for the yeas and nays.