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Pennsylvania Legislature.

SENATE. MONDAY, January 28, 1861.

The Senate was called to order at 3 o'clock, P. M., by the SPEAKER.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. V. FELTWELL, as follows : Almighty God, King of Kings and Lord of

all, without whom the watchman waketh but in vain, regard us now in this our time of ne-cessity. Grant Thy spirit to the Chief Executive of this land, and all the rulers, particularly to Thy servants, the members of the Senate here convened, so that all things may so be ordered and settled by them upon the best and surest foundation, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. Grant that the Union and the freedom we have enjoyed for so many years, and which other nations are wishing and striving for, may be perpetuated. We acknowledge that we have sinned and that Thy judgments. Let Thy holy spirit rule our hearts and direct us unto all truth, so that at the last we may all rejoice in the salvation which has been purchasad for us through Thy dear son, our Savior Jesus.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven ; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our tress-passes as we forgive those who tresspass against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us

from evil. Amen. The Journal of Thursday being partly read, on motion of Mr. FINNEY, the further reading of the same was dispensed with.

* STANDING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED.

The SPEAKER. The Senate, some time since, by a resolution, instructed the Speaker to appoint a Committee on Federal Relations. Speaker now announces the committee, as follows:

FINNEY, SMITH, HALL, BOUND and Messrs. SCHENDEL.

STATE OF THE UNION.

The deputy Secretary of The Commonwealth cing introduced, presented several messages com the Governor, which were read by the relative to enclosed communications reived from the Governors of Virginia, Tennesand Ohio

Mr. SMITH. I ask leave to offer a series of orth by the communications just read.

Mr. BENSON. I shall move to refer the subect to the Committee on Federal Relations. eave being granted to Mr. SMITH, he for-

tebruary next, to consider, and if practicable aforesaid gree upon, some suitable adjustment of the

monly called slaves, who have escaped into another of said States, and have been claimed under and in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of said United States, to be delivered up by the persons entitled to have the same, and such viz : fugitve slaves have, by force and violence, or threats and fear thereof, been rescued or ena-

bled to escape, or prevented from being deliv-ered up, as well in contravention of the Constitution and laws of the said United States, as to

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvamia in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That if any assemblage of persons shall, within any city, or county of this Commonwealth, by force and violence, or threats and fear thereof, prevent from being delivered up, any person held to ser-vice or labor in one of the United States of America, under the laws thereof, commonly there is great corruption in our land. Have mercy upon us and forgive us, and withdraw this Commonwealth, who is duly and legally claimed to be delivered up by the party or par-ties, or his, her or their duly constituted agent or attorney, to whom the service or labor of such person so escaping, or fugitive slave, may be due, under and according to the constitution and laws of the United States, or shall rescue or enable the same to escape by force and violence or threats and fear thereof, in each and every such case the city or county within this Commonwealth where and in which the same shall be done, shall and is hereby declared to be bound and liable to pay to the party or parties to whom such person escaping, or fugitive slave, so pre-vented from being delivered up, or so rescued, or enabled to escape, may be due, the full price and value of such said person so held to service or labor, or fugitive slave, to be re-covered by an action at law as debts or damages of like amount are recoverable in this Com-

monwealth, together with full costs of suits and expenses of such said suit or action, and the amount which shall be so recovered in such said suit or action shall be paid out of the mo-ney and treasury of such said city or county against which any such recovery shall be had and obtained as aforesaid, on warants drawn by the Oceanication or other means dishuming by the Commissioners or other proper disbursing officers thereof, who are hereby required to draw their warrants for the payment of the same as soon as the amount so recovered and to be paid is finally fixed and determined. And 17. SMITH. I ask leave to other a series of oblighted in connection with the subject set in which any such action shall be brought, is hereby required and directed to cause such said action to be tried and disposed of, at not ex-ceeding the second term of the Court after which such action is brought, and if the same cannot be done, then to appoint a special or ad-journed Court for the trial thereof, at which

the initial has invited a meeting of Commissioners on the several States of this Union, to be held the city of Washington, on the 4th day of such said action shall have been brought as SECTION 2. Each and every person forming

actee upon, some suitable adjustment of the subappy differences which now disturb the bu-siness of the country, and threaten the dissolu-tion of the Union : And, whereas, in the opinion of this Legisla-the or reasonable cause exists for the extraor-time States in relation to their domestic institu-nons, and while Pennsylvania still adheres to and cannot surrender the principles which she has always entertained on the subject of sha. and cannot surrender the principles which she has always entertained on the subject of gla-very, this Legislature is willing to accept the invitation of Virrinis and the subject of sla-she always entertained on the subject of gla-she always entertained on the subject of gla-invitation of Virrinis and the subject of sla-she the same to escape, as mentioned in the first section of the secti invitation of Virginia, and to unite with her in first section of this act, and each and every peran earnest effort to restore the peace of the country, by such means as may be consistent with the principles upon which the Constitu-tion is founded. is hereby declared guilty of a high misdemeanor

Will the Senate agree to the motion to refer States of America, under the laws thereof, comthe subject to a select committee of five ? The yeas and nays were required by Mr. BEN-

SON and Mr. SMITH, and were as follows, YEAS.-Messrs. Boughter, Bound, Clymer.

Connell, Finney, Gregg, Meredith, Mott, Par-ker, Schindel, Serrill, Smith, Thompson, Welsh, Wharton and Palmer, Speaker—16. NAVS.—Messrs. Benson, Hamilton, Hiestand,

Imbrie, Landon, Nichols, Penney, Robinson and Yardlev--9. So the question was determined in the affirma

tive. Mr. FINNEY read in place an Act for the reier of Jacob Huntzinger, Jr., late Treasurer of chuylkill county.

Reterred to the Committee on Finance Mr. GREGG, an Act granting a premium on

the scalps of muskrats, in Centre county, and in Bald Eagle and Branch Creek townships, linton county Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, An Act to change the division line bo

ween the counties of Centre and Clinton. Referred to the Committee on New Counties ind County Seats.

Also, a supplement to an Act relating to the Larries Creek Turnpike Road company.

Referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals. Mr. BOUGHTER, an Act relating to the official term of the County Commissioners,

Prison Inspectors, and Directors of the Poor of Dauphin county. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

diciary Committee from the further considera-Mr. BENSON, a supplement to the Act crea-ting the county of Cameron. tion of "a supplement to an Act to authorize the county of Dauphin to borrow money;" and Referred to the Committee on New Counties that the Senate proceed to the consideration of

and County Seats. the same. Mr. IMBRIE, an Act to provide for the fenc-ing of a part of the Pittsburg and Cleveland

And the Senate dispensed with going into Railroad, and for the better protection of procommittee of the whole ;perty in Beaver county. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. eadings, Passed finally.

Mr. MOTT, an Act for the protection of speckled trout in the the streams, lakes and Mr. IMBRIE moved to discharge the Com-mittee on Roads and Bridges from the further ponds of Pike county.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture

Mr. LANDON, an Act authorizing the pay ment of certain monies to the Towanda Bridge

ompany Referred to the Committee on Private Claims

Mr. YARDLEY, an Act to authorize the trustees of the Society of Friends of Richland township, Bucks county, to sell certain real eson the orders. Mr. BOUND moved that the Committee on

Mr. YARDLEY also presented, in connection with the above bill, a certificate of the necessa ry publication of notice; which were Referred to Committee on Estates and Es

cheats. Mr. CONNELL, an Act relating to the Western and Spring Garden soup societies ; exempting certain property from taxation. Referred to the Judiciary Committee. ships in said county," and that the Senate proceed to consider the same.

ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. FINNEY offered the following resolution. which was twice read, considered and agreed

Recolved. That the State Treasurer be required to inform the Senate how much money has been paid into the treasury during the years 1859 and 1880, by any person or persons in the city of Philadelphia, accruing from taxes on collat-eral inheritance; and, specifically and sever-ally, the amounts received from the Prothono-taries, Clerks of the Court, Registers, Recorders Mountain Coal Company," and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the same. and other officers of said city required by law to pay a tax on fees received by them beyond a specific amount, for the aforesaid years of 1859 and 1860.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and

mery county. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Referred to the Committee on the Judici

Representatives chambers, for the year 1860.

House bill No. 49, an Act to incorporate the ommerton M. E. Church of the city of Phila-

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

House bill No. 58, joint resolution relative to

Referred to the Committee on Federal Rela-

House bill No. 47, an Act to incorporate the

Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Socie

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

House bill, No. 42, a supplement to an Act to incorporate the Mechanics' Insurance Company

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED. The SREAKER announced as the Select Com

mittee, to which was referred the Bill providing for compensation to owners of fugitive slaves in

BILLS CONSIDERED.

of the city of Philadelphia.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Agreed to; and at 4 o'clock P. M., the An extract from the Journal of the House of morrow morning at 11 o'clock. joint committee, whose duty it shall be to invite Mr. Lincoln, the President elect, to visit Harrisburg on his way to Washington, was read HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. by the Clerk, and concurred in. MONDAY, Jan. 28. 1861. SPEAKER'S TABLE. 'The SPEAKER referred bills as follows : The House was called to order at 3 o'clock

The yeas and nays were required by Mr. IM- spire and restore confidence and a spirit of fraslaves, as held under the instructions of the BRIE and Mr. SMITH and were as follows, viz: ternal feeling between the different States of the slaveholding States, shall be recognized as pro-perty, and entitled to the *status* of other pro-perty, in the States where slavery exists, in all places within the exclusive jurisdiction of Con-YEAS-Messrs, Benson, Blood, Bound, Bough-Union.

ter, Clymer, Connell, Gregg, Hamilton, Hie-7. That the Union loving citizens of those stand, Imbrie, Landon, Meredith, Mott, Nich-ols, Parker, Penney, Robinson, Schindel, Ser-rell, Smith, Thompson, Welsh, Wharton, Yard-ley, and Palmer, Speaker-25. States who labor with devotional courage and patriotism, to withold their States from the vortex of secession, are entitled to the admiration and gratitude of the whole American peo-

gress in the slave States, in all the Territories South of 36 deg. 30 min., in the District of Columbia, in transit and whilst temporarily sojourning with the owner in the non-slave-holding States and Territories North of 36 deg. NATS-none: So the question was determined in the affirm-tive. Mr. GREGG moved that the Committee on Mr. GREGG moved that the Committee on So the question was determined in the affirm-tive. Mr. GREGG moved that the Committee on So that we hail with joy, the recent firm, dignified and patriotic special message of the President of the United States, and that the Solourning with the owner in the non-shave-holding States and Territories North of 36 deg. 30 min., and when fugitives from the owner, in the several places above named, as well as in the several places above named, as well as in Mr. GREAGG moved that the Committee on Agriculture, &c., be discharged from the further consideration of "an Act granting a premium on the scalps of muskrats in the county of Centre, and in Bald Eagle and Branch Creek townships, Clinton county," and that the Senall places, in the exclusive jurisdiction of Congress, in the non-slaving States. 2. That in all the territory now owned, or which may be hereafter acquired by the United States, South of the parallel of 36 deg. 30 min., Afri-can slavery shall be recognized as existing, and be protected by all the departments of the administered. The motion was agreed to, and the Senate

9. That the Governor be requested to forward, forthwith, copies of the foregoing resolutions to the President of the Nation, and to the Gover-Federal and Territorial Governments, and in all North of that line, now owned or to be acquired. ors of all the States of the Union, and to each it shall not be recognized as existing; and whenever States formed out of any of said Terof the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, to be by them presented to ritory South of said line, having a population each branch of the National Legislature. Attest : R. C. PARSONS, equal to that of a Congressional District, shall apply for admission into the Union, the same

Speaker of thi House of Representatives. R. C. KIRK,

shall be admitted as slave States, whilst States North of the line formed out of said Territory,

President of the Senate. and having a population equal to a Congression-al District, shall be admitted without slavery, PREANBLE AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GEN-ERAL ASSEMBLY OF UIRGINIA, JANUARY 19th, 1861 : but the States formed out of said Territory North and South having been admitted as mem-

WHEREAS, It is the deliberate opinion of the bers of the Union, shall have all the powers General Assembly of Virginia, that unless the over the institution of slavery possessed by the unhappy controversy, which now divides the other States of the Union. States of this confederacy, shall be satisfactorily adjusted, a permanent dissolution of the Union is inevitable; and the General Assembly, repre-3. Congress shall have no power to abolish slavery in places under its exclusive jurisdiction and situate within the limits of States that persenting the wishes of the people of the Commit the holding of slaves. 4. Congress shall have no power to abolish slavery within the District of Columbia, as long monwealth, is desirous of employing every rea-sonable means to avert so dire a calamity, and as it exists in the adjoining States of Virginia letermined to make a final effort to restore the Union and the Constitution, in the spirit in which they were established by the fathers of sent of the inhabitants, nor without just com-the Republic. Therefore, And the bill, after going through its several

pensation, made to such owners of slaves as do Resolved, That on behalf of the Commonnot consent to such abolishment. Nor shall Congress at any time prohibit officers of the General Government, or Members of Congress whose duties require them to be in said District, wealth of Virginia, an invitation is hereby ex-tended to all such States, whether slaveholding or non-slaveholding, as are willing to unite with in the counties of Butler and Allegheny;" and happy controversies, in the spirit in which the the senate proceed to the consideration of Constitution was originally framed and the senate. from bringing with them their slaves, and hold-ing them as such, during the time their duties may require them to remain there, and afterently with its principles, so as to afford to the people of the slavoholding States adequate guarantees for the security of their rights-to wards take them from the District. 5. Congress shall have no power to prohibit or hinder the transportation of slaves from one State whole on said bill, (Mr. GREGG in the Chair,) appoint commissioners to meet on the 4th day and after some time the Chairman reported the of February next, in the city of Washington, to another, or the Territory in which slaves are by law permitted to be held, whether that same back to the Senate as committed, when it similar commissioners appointed by Virginia, passed on its second reading and was laid over to consider, and, if practicable, agree upon some transportation be by land, navigable rivers, or by seas. 6. In addition to the Fugitive Slave clause,

suitable adjustment. Resolved, That ex-President John Tyler, William C. Rives, Judge John B. Brocken-brough, George W. Summers and James A. provide, that when a slave has been demanded Roads and Bridges be discharged from the furof the Executive authority of the State to which ther consideration of House bill, No. 83, en-titled "an Act repealing an Act authorizing the he has fled, if he is not delivered, and the Seddon, are hereby appointed commissioners, whose duty it shall be to repair to the city of owner permitted to carry him out of the State selling of the repairing of the public roads in whose duty it shall be to repair to the city of certain townships of Schuylkill county, so far as the same relates to Rush and Buble town-going resolution, to meet such Commissioners in peace, the State so failing to deliver, shall pay to the owner the value of such slave, and bay to the owner the value of such share, and such damages as ho may have sustained in at-tempting to reclaim his slave, and secure his right of action in the Supreme Court of the United States, with execution against the proas may be appointed by any of the said States, in accordance with the foregoing resolutions. Resolved, That if said Commissioners, after The motion was agreed to. The Senate, after having dispensed with go-ing into Committee of the Whole, proceeded to consider the bill, when it passed finally. full and free conference, shall agree upon any perty of such State and the individuals thereof. plan of adjustment, requiring amendments of the federal Constitution, for the further securi-ty of the rights of the people of the slavehold-7. No future amendment of the Constitution plan of adjustment, requiring amendments of the federal Constitution, for the further securi-ty of the rights of the people of the slavehold in states, they be requested to communicate the proposed amendments to Congress, for the purpose of having the same submitted by that body, according to the forms of the Constitution, nor the third ments shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give to Congress any power to *Resolved*. That if said Commissioners cannot abolish or interfere with slavery in any of the States by whose burget is or wave by closed Mr. ROUND moved that the Committee on Gorporations be discharged from the further consideration of House bill, No. 36, entitled "an Act to extend the charter of the Short The Senate after having dispensed with going into Committee of the Whole, considered the bill, when it passed finally. agree on such adjustment, or if agreeing, Con-gress shall refuse to submit for ratification such amendments as may be proposed, then the 8. That slave property shall be rendered se-

amendments as may be proposed, then the Commissioners of this State shall immediately communicate the result to the Executive of this sojourning in, non-slaveholding States or Terri-Commonwealth, to be by him laid before the tories, or in the District of Columbia le people of Virginia, and the 9. An amendment to the effect that all fugi General Assembly; provided, that the said tives are to be deemed those offending the laws Commissioners be subject at all times to the within the jurisdiction of the State, and who control of the General Assembly, or, if in ses escape therefrom to other States; and that it is the duty of each State to suppress armed invasion, to that of the State Convention. Resolved, That, in the opinion of the General Assembly of Virginia, the propositions embrasions of another State. Resolved, That said Convention of the slave P. M., by the Speaker, and opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Cattel. holding States having agreed upon a basis of adjustment satisfactory to themselves, should, tenden, so modified as that the first Article pron the opinion of this General Assembly, refer proposed as an amendment to the Constitution it to a Convention of all the States, slaveholdof the United States shall apply to all the ter-ritory of the United States now held or hereing and non-slaveholding, in the manner fol after acquired, south of latitude thirty-six deg. thirty min., and provide that slavery of the plan of adjustment, to elect delegates in such African race shall be effectually protected as manner to reflect the popular will, to assemble property therein, during the continuance of the in a Constitutional Convention of all the States, territorial government ; and the fourth Article North and South, to be held at Richmond, Virshall secure to the owners of slaves the right of ginia, on the ------ day of February, 1861, to transit with their slaves between and through revise and perfect such plan of adjustment, for the non-slaveholding States and Territorics-its reference for final ratification and adoption constitute the basis of such an adjustment of by a Convention of the States respectively. the unhappy controversy which now divides the States of this confederacy, as would be acceled to by a ed by the people of this Commonwealth. *Resolved*, That Ex-President John Tyler is believing that the property deal by the people of this Connection, as non-wealth. government that constitutes the American peo-ple one people, is essential to the support of their tranquility at home, of their prosperity, and of that very liberty which they so highly prize, are firmly and ardently attached to the National Constitution and the Union of the National Constitution and the Union of the National Constitution of the Union of the National Constitution of the Union of the National Constitution and the Union of the National Constitution and the Union of the National Constitution of the United States, and Indee John Robertson is hereby appointed, and Indee John Robertson is hereby appointed, and Indee John Robertson is hereby appointed, prize, are firmly and ardently attached to the National Constitution and the Union of the National Constitution of the United States, and Indee John Robertson is hereby appointed, and Indee John Robertson is hereby appointed. South Carolina, and the other States that have secceded, or shall secede, with instructions re-spectfully to request the President of the Uni-ted States, and the authorities of such States, invite into the Union with them all States of the North which are willing to abide such amended Constitution and frame of Government, severing at once all connection with States refusing such reasonable guarantees to our future safety; such renewed conditions of to agree to abstain, pending the proceedings contemplated by the action of this General As-Federal Union being first submitted for fatifi-cation to Conventions of all the States respecsembly, from any and all acts calculated to produce collision of arms between the States and the government of the United States. tively.

dispensed with going into Committee of the Whole, and the bill passed finally. Mr. CONNEL moved that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from the further considerstion of "an Act relating to the Western and Spring Garden Soup Societies; to exempt cer-tain property from taxation," and that the Senate consider the same. The motion was agreed to, and the Senate

after dispensing with going into Committee of the Whole, proceeded to consider the same. On motion of Mr. CONNELL the title was so amended as to read "an Act to exempt certain property of the Western and Spring Gar den Soup societies, from taxation."

Mr. BOUGHTER moved to discharge the Ju

The bill then passed finally.

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Resoluted, Sec. That the invitation of the Legisbature of Virginia to her sister States for the ap-pointment of Commissioners to meet in the city of Washington, on the 4th of February next, to appoint five Commissioners for the State of Consylvania, whose duty it shall be to repair to the city of Washington on the day designaed, to meet such Commissioners as may be appointed by any other States, which have not auhorized or sanctioned the seizure of the forts, arthement of the difficulties which now exist : Provided, That the said Commissioners shall be subject, in all their proceedings, to the instruc-

tions of this Legislature. The SPEAKER. What order will the Senate take on the resolutions?

the Governor, with the accompanying docu-ments, together with the resolutions of the benator from Philadelphia, be referred to the

Dock, of Dauphin county, as Trustees of the State Lunatic Asylum for three years next en-

suing. Laid on the table.

Luzerne, Mr. KETCHAM. Leave was granted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr MEREDITH, from the Committee on ads and Bridges, reported as committed an Act for the better protection of fruit and fruit Arc in the county of Northumborland. Mr. BOUGHTER, from the Committee to Compare Bills, made a report which was read.

BILLS READ IN PLACE.

Mr. SCHINDEL read in place a supplement to an Act incorporating the Allentown Water company. Referred to Committee on Corporations.

Mr. SMITH. An Act to punish frauds against the City of Philadelphia.

thereof, and to prevent and punish such riots, mobs, violences and disturbances of the peace of this Commonwealth.

The bill reads :

AN ACT providing for compensation to the own

Whereas, Mobs, riots and violence have oc curred in resisting the delivery up of persons ber of the Senate who is of that political party. held to service or labor, in one of the United On the question,

and aggravated riot, and on conviction thereof in any court of quarter sessions of this Com-monwealth shall be sentenced by the court to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and to undergo an imprisonment by separate be and the same is hereby accepted ; and that or solitary confinement at hard labor not ex-House bill, No. 28, "An Act to lay out State road in Berks and Lebanon counties." the Governor be and he is hereby authorized ceeding three years, or either, at the discretion of the court. SECTION 3. It shall be lawful for each and

every city or county of this Commonwealth against which a recovery in any action has been had, as contemplated and provided in the first section of this act, to bring a suit or suits, or sends or other property of the United States, to consider, and if possible to agree upon, some suitable measures for the prompt and final set-banactions at law againstany and all persons forming part of any such assemblage of persons as is mentioned in the first section of this act, and against any and all persons aiding, abetting, assisting or encouraging the same, either jointly or severally, for the recovery of and there-in be entitled to recover, any and every amount which has been recovered against any such city Wr. BENSON. I move that the messages of section of this act, together with full costs of he Governor, with the accompanying docu-

ry. House bill No. 88, an Act repealing an Act relating to the selling of the repairing of public roads in certain townships of Schuylkill county, so s far as relates to Rush and Butler township

The motion was agreed to. The Clerk read a further message from the and purposes be treated as actions of trespass proverly brought by the owners of property Covernor, presenting for the confirmation of properly brought by the owners of property the Senate, the names of Miles Green, of Hunt-ingdom county; Andrew J. Jones and Dr. Mr. SMITH moved to refer this bill to a select committee of three.

The motion was not agreed to.

Mr. SMITH. I now move to refer the bill to select committee of five ; and I ask my polit-LEAVE OF ABSENCE. Mr. YARDLEY asked leave of absence for a this floor to allow the bill to go to this special ew days from to-day, for the Senator from committee and have a fair, honest and candid consideration; and that both of the political parties shall be represented upon that commit-tee. I am not willing that a bill of this importance-proposed with a view and intention of settling if possible the difficulties that now threat-en the existence of our Union, should not be properly considered. If we can come to any arrangement by which we may pour the 'oil upon the troubled waters' — by which we may strengthen the hands of the friends of Union in the border States-let us in the name of God, in the name of our common country, yote so to

> Mr. LANDON called for the reading of the title of the bill,

When it was again read.

against the City of Fulladelphia. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Also, an Act providing for compensation to owners of fugitive slaves in cases where they have been rescued or enabled to escape by means of mobs, violence, riots or threats or fear thread and to mean and munich such riots compliments, either in the matter of reference or discussion.

Mr. SMITH. I merely ask the Senator from Bradford to extend that courtesy to the other political side of the Senate which is due them. BOUGHTER. ers of fugitive slaves where they have been I say here now, that if this bill is not referred, rescued or enabled to escape, by means of mobs, violence or threats and fear thereof, and to prevent and number when but when but when the there is the traditioner Committee violence and disturbances of the peace of this and to allow a Democration between the peace of the peace of this and to allow a Democration be appointed in my proceeded to consider the same.

The CLERK read the journal of last Friday.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. YARDLEY moved that the Senate ad-

Bridges. House bill No. 29, an Act to lay out a State The Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth being introduced presented a letter from the oad in Butler and Allegheny counties. Referred to the Committee on Roads and Governor inclosing joint resolutions from the State Legislatures of Ohio, Virginia and Ten-House bill No. 42, an Act to incorporate the nessee, which were read as follows : Hatborough Monument Association, of Montgo

The motion was agreed to.

OINT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO, PASSED JANUARY 12, House bill No. 62, a supplement to an Act to authorize the county of Dauphin to borrow mo-

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, as follows :-- 1. That the people of Ohio, believing that the preservation of the unity of

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges. House bill No: 28, joint resolution to pay G. mit the secession of any State without violating the obligations by which it is bound, under the W. M Calla, for repairing and winding of dome clock and clocks of the Senate and House of compact, to the other States and to every citi-zen of the United States.

8. That whilst the constitutional rights of every State in the Union should be preserved inviolate, the powers and authority of the Na House bill No. 69, a supplement to an Act laying a tax on dogs, in West Chester and cer-tain townships of Chester county. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, tional Government must be maintained, and the laws of Congress faithfully enforced, in every Resolved, That copies of the foregoing resolu-tions be forthwith telegraphed to the Execu-

State and territory, until repealed by Congress or adjudged to be unconstitutional by the proper ju-dicial tribunal; and all attempts by State au-thorities to nullify the Constitution of the United States or the laws of the Federal Govtives of the several States, and also to the Presi-dent of the United States, and that the Governor be requested to inform, without delay, the ernment, or to resist the execution thereof, are Commissioners of their appointment by the

revolutionary in their character, and tend to foregoing resolutions. the disruption of the best and wisest system [A copy from the Ro of government in the world.

4. That the people of Ohio are inflexibly opposed to intermeddling with the internal affairs and domestic relations of the other States of the Union: in the same manner and to the same extent as they are opposed to any inter-ference by the people of other States with their

iomestic concerns. 5. That it is the will and purpose of the peo ple of Ohio to fulfil, in good faith, all their ob-

6. That it is incumbent upon any States hav

ly furnish copies of these resolutions to the Governors of the slaveholding States, and urge ing with or rendering less efficient the Consti-tution or laws of the United States, to repeal Federal Relations were discharged from the fur-ther consideration of a resolution, entitled joint ther consideration of a resolution, entitled joint them; and it is equally incumbent upon the resolution relative to a tariff; and the Senate General Government and the several States to the participation of such States in said Convention

roceeded to consider the same. The resolution was then read, and on the usetion, "Will the Senate agree to the final passage of he same?" the same?' the same is the same

Resolved, That the Governor of the State of Tennessee furnish copies of these resolutions immediately to the Governors of the non-slaveolding States.

W. C. WHITTHORNE, W. C. WHITTHORSE, Speaker of the House of Representatives. JAZ, W. NEWLAN, Speaker of the Senate. Passed January 22, 1861.

Laid on the table. The SPEAKER laid before the House the annual statement of the Bald Eagle and Spring Creek Navigation Company.

Laid on the table. PETITIONS &C. PRESENTED.

Mr. CRAIG, one from citizens of Armstrong county for the appointment of an Auctioner said county. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

(local.) Mr. DONLEY, one from inhabitants of Spring-field township, Green county, praying that the place of holding the elections in said township may be changed.

Referred to the Committee on Election Disricts

Mr. MANIFOLD, one from citizens of York county, praying for the repeal of an Act passed the 2d of April, 1860, entitled an Act for the preservation of fish in the county of York. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture,

Mr. RIEFF, one of similar import. Referred to the same Committee

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[A copy from the Rolls.] WM. F. GORDON, Jr., Clerk H. D. and K. R. of Virginia. RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CON

STITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, that a Convention of Delegates from all the slaveholding States should assemble at

Nashville, Tennessee, or such other place as a majority of the States co-operating may desig-nate, on the fourth day of February, 1861, to States, according to the spirit and intent there-of; and they demand the faithful discharge of rights of the slave States may be possible the same duty by every State in the United

Resolved, That the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee appoint a number of dele-gates to said convention of our ablest and wisest

and thus, as far as may be, to insure tranquil-

cases where such slaves had been rescued, and to prevent and punish riotous mobs, etc., Messrs. SMITH, SCHINDEL, MOTT, CONNELL and ity between the State of Ohio and the other

nen, equal to our whole delegation in Congress

ing enactments on their statute books, conflictand that the Governor of Tennessee immediate On motion of Mr. SMITH, the committee on