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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. FELLWELL,  
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 be so 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 wish-  
ing and striving for, may be perpetuated. We  
acknowledge that we have sinned and that  
there is great corruption in our land. Have  
mercy upon us and forgive us, and withdraw  
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 purchased 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 trans-  
gressions as we forgive those who trespass 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.  
The Speaker now announces the committee, as  
follows:

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

STATE OF THE UNION.  
The deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth  
being introduced, presented several messages  
from the Governor, which were read by the  
Clerk, relative to enclosed communications re-  
ceived from the Governors of Virginia, Tennes-  
see and Ohio.

Mr. SMITH. I ask leave to offer a series of  
resolutions in connection with the subject set  
forth by the communications just read.

Mr. FINNEY. I shall move to refer the sub-  
ject to the Committee on Federal Relations.  
Leave being granted to Mr. SMITH, he for-  
warded to the clerk the following resolutions  
which were read:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of  
Virginia has invited a meeting of Commissioners  
from the several States of this Union, to be held  
in the city of Washington, on the 4th day of  
February next, to consider, and if practicable  
to make, upon some suitable adjustment of the  
unhappy differences which now disturb the busi-  
ness of the country, and threaten the dissolu-  
tion of the Union:

And, whereas, in the opinion of this Legisla-  
ture no reasonable cause exists for the extraor-  
dinary excitement which now pervades some of  
the States in relation to their domestic institu-  
tions, and while Pennsylvania still adheres to  
the ancient and established principles which she  
has always entertained on the subject of slav-  
ery, this Legislature is willing to accept the  
invitation of Virginia, and to unite with her in  
an earnest effort to restore the peace of the  
country, by such means as may be consistent  
with the principles upon which the Constitution  
is founded.

Resolved, That the invitation of the Legisla-  
ture 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,  
and the same is hereby accepted; and that  
the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to  
appoint five Commissioners for the State of  
Pennsylvania, whose duty it shall be to repair  
to the city of Washington on the day designat-  
ed, to meet such Commissioners as may be ap-  
pointed by any other States, which have not  
authorized or sanctioned the seizure of the forts, ar-  
senals or other property of the United States, to  
consider, and if possible to agree upon, some  
suitable measures for the prompt and final set-  
tlement of the difficulties which now exist:

Resolved, 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?

Mr. BENSON. I move that the messages of  
the Governor, with the accompanying docu-  
ments, together with the resolutions of the  
Committee on Federal Relations, be referred to the  
Committee on Federal Relations.

The motion was agreed to.

The Clerk read a message from the  
Governor, presenting for the confirmation of  
the Senate, the names of Miles Green, of Han-  
gington county; Andrew J. Jones and Dr.  
Lock, of Dauphin county, as Trustees of the  
State Lunatic Asylum for three years next en-  
suing.

Laid on the table.

States of America, under the laws thereof, com-  
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  
fugitive slaves have, by force and violence, or  
threats and fear thereof, been rescued or en-  
abled to escape, or prevented from being deliv-  
ered up, as well in contravention of the Consti-  
tution and laws of the said United States, as to  
the danger of the lives and property of the citi-  
zens, and the peace of the community where  
such mobs, riots, violence and threats have oc-  
curred;—therefore to prevent the same,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and  
House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of  
Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is  
herby 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  
called a slave, who has escaped as a fugitive into  
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 warrants drawn  
by the Commissioners or other proper disbursing  
officers thereof, and hereby required to draw  
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 each  
and every Court of this Commonwealth in which  
any such action shall be brought, is hereby re-  
quired and directed to cause such said action  
to be tried and disposed of, as 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-  
judicated Court for the trial thereof, at which  
such action shall be tried and disposed of, by  
such said Court not exceeding six months after  
such said action shall have been brought as  
aforesaid.

SECTION 2. Each and every person forming  
part of such assemblage of persons mentioned in  
the first section of this act, within this Com-  
monwealth, which by force and violence or  
threats and fear thereof shall prevent any such  
person held to service or labor, or fugitive  
slave, so claimed as aforesaid from being deliv-  
ered up to the party or parties, or his, her or their  
duly constituted agent or attorney, to whom the ser-  
vice or labor of such person so escaping, or fu-  
gitive, may be due, and rescue the same, or en-  
able the same to escape, as mentioned in the  
first section of this act, and each and every per-  
son aiding, abetting, assisting or encouraging  
such said assemblage of persons within this  
Commonwealth, shall be deemed and held, and  
is hereby declared guilty of a high misdemeanor  
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 not exceeding one thousand dollars,  
and to undergo an imprisonment by separate  
or solitary confinement at hard labor not ex-  
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  
action or actions at law against any and all per-  
sons 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 is entitled to recover, any and every amount  
which has been recovered against any such city  
or county, under and in pursuance of the first  
section of this act, together with full costs of  
suit and all expenses necessarily incurred by  
such said city or county; and any such suits or  
actions shall not abate or fail by reason of too  
many or too few parties being named therein  
as defendants, but the same shall in all intents  
and purposes be treated as actions brought and  
properly brought by the owners of property  
wrongfully injured, to recover damages therefor.

Mr. SMITH moved to refer this bill to a se-  
lect committee of five.

The motion was not agreed to.

Mr. SMITH. I now move to refer the bill to  
a select committee of five; and I ask my polit-  
ical friends with whom I have been acting on  
this floor to allow the bill to go to this special  
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 impor-  
tance—proposed with a view and intention of  
settling if possible the difficulties that now threaten  
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, vote so to do.

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

When it was again read,  
Mr. LANDON. Now, sir, the reference of that  
bill to a special committee would appear to me  
like paying the matter a little extra courtesy;  
and for, one day, say to-day, to-morrow, and  
all coming days, I pay no such bills any extra  
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.  
I say here now, that if this bill is not referred,  
as I have moved to refer it and has not a fair  
consideration, I shall ask the Senate to excuse  
me from serving on the Judiciary Committee, and  
to allow a Democrat to be appointed in my  
place. I will not do injustice; and I have no  
doubt that the Speaker will so appoint a mem-  
ber of the Senate who is of that political party.

On the question,  
The yeas and nays were required by Mr. IM-  
BRIE and Mr. SMITH and were as follows: viz:  
Yeas—Messrs. Benson, Bound, Bough-  
ter, Clymer, Connell, Gregg, Hamilton, Hie-  
stand, Imbrie, Landon, Meredith, Mott, Nich-  
ols, Parker, Penney, Robinson, Schindler, Ser-  
rell, Smith, Thompson, Welsh, Wharton, Yard-  
ley and Palmer, Speaker—25.  
NAYS—none.

So the question was determined in the affirma-  
tive.

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lief of Jacob Hunsinger, Jr., late Treasurer of  
Schuylkill county.

Referred 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,  
Clinton county.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture,  
&c.

Also, An Act to change the division line be-  
tween the counties of Centre and Clinton.

Referred to the Committee on New Counties  
and 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.

Mr. BENSON, a supplement to the Act cre-  
ating the county of Cameron.

Referred to the Committee on New Counties  
and County Seats.

Will the Senate agree to the motion to refer  
the subject to a select committee of five?

The yeas and nays were required by Mr. BEN-  
SON and Mr. SMITH, and were as follows, viz:  
Yeas—Messrs. Boughter, Bound, Clymer,  
Connell, Finney, Gregg, Meredith, Mott, Par-  
ker, Schindler, Serrill, Smith, Thompson, Welsh,  
Wharton and Palmer, Speaker—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Benson, Hamilton, Hiestand,  
Imbrie, Landon, Nichols, Penney, Robinson  
and Yardley—9.

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ating the county of Cameron.

Referred to the Committee on New Counties  
and County Seats.

Mr. IMBRIE, an Act to provide for the fencing  
of a part of the Pittsburg and Cleveland  
Railroad, and for the better protection of prop-  
erty in Beaver county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MOTT, an Act for the protection of  
speckled trout in the streams, lakes and  
ponds of Pike county.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture,  
&c.

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

Referred to the Committee on Private Claims  
and Damages.

Mr. YARDLEY, an Act to authorize the  
trustees of the Society of Friends of Richland  
township, Bucks county, to sell certain real es-  
tate.

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

Mr. CONNELL, an Act relating to the West-  
ern and Spring Garden soup societies; exempt-  
ing certain property from taxation.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS.  
Mr. FINNEY offered the following resolution,  
which was twice read, considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the State Treasurer be required  
to inform the Senate how much money has been  
paid into the treasury during the years 1859  
and 1860, by any person or persons in the city  
of Philadelphia, accruing from taxes on collat-  
eral inheritance; and, specifically and severally,  
the amounts received from the Prothonotaries,  
Clerks of the Court, Registers, Recorders 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.

An extract from the Journal of the House of  
Representatives relative to the appointment of  
a joint committee, whose duty it shall be to in-  
vestigate the conduct of the President elect, to visit  
Harrisburg on his way to Washington, was read  
by the Clerk, and concurred in.

SPEAKER'S TABLE.  
The SPEAKER referred bills as follows:  
House bill No. 28, "An Act to lay out a  
State road in Berks and Lebanon counties."

Referred to the Committee on Roads and  
Bridges.

House bill No. 29, an Act to lay out a State  
road in Butler and Allegheny counties.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and  
Bridges.

House bill No. 42, an Act to incorporate the  
Harrowburg Monument Association, of Montgo-  
mery county.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

House bill No. 62, a supplement to an Act to  
authorize the county of Dauphin to borrow mo-  
ney.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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 far as relates to Rush and Butler township  
in said county.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and  
Bridges.

House bill No. 28, joint resolution to pay G.  
W. McCalla, for repairing and winding of dome  
clock and clocks of the Senate and House of  
Representatives chambers, for the year 1860.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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,  
&c.

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

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

House bill No. 68, joint resolution relative to  
a tariff.

Referred to the Committee on Federal Rela-  
tions.

House bill No. 47, an Act to incorporate the  
Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Soci-  
ety.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

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

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED.  
The SPEAKER announced as the Select Com-  
mittee, to which was referred the Bill providing  
for compensation to owners of fugitive slaves in  
cases where such slaves had been rescued, and  
to prevent and punish riotous mobs, &c.,  
Messrs. SMITH, SCHINDLER, MOTT, CONNELL and  
BOUGHTER.

BILLS CONSIDERED.  
On motion of Mr. SMITH, the committee on  
Federal Relations were discharged from the fur-  
ther consideration of a resolution, entitled joint  
resolution relative to a tariff; and the Senate  
proceeded to consider the same.

The resolution was then read, and on the  
question,  
"Will the Senate agree to the final passage of  
the same?"

The yeas and nays were required by Mr. IM-  
BRIE and Mr. SMITH and were as follows: viz:  
Yeas—Messrs. Benson, Bound, Bough-  
ter, Clymer, Connell, Gregg, Hamilton, Hie-  
stand, Imbrie, Landon, Meredith, Mott, Nich-  
ols, Parker, Penney, Robinson, Schindler, Ser-  
rell, Smith, Thompson, Welsh, Wharton, Yard-  
ley and Palmer, Speaker—25.  
NAYS—none.

So the question was determined in the affirma-  
tive.

Mr. GREGG 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 Sen-  
ate proceed to the consideration of the same.

The motion was agreed to, and the Senate  
dispensed with going into Committee of the  
Whole, and the bill passed finally.

Mr. CONNELL moved that the Judiciary Com-  
mittee be discharged from the further consid-  
eration of "an Act relating to the Western and  
Spring Garden Soup Societies; to exempt cer-  
tain property from taxation," and that the Sen-  
ate 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 cer-  
tain property of the Western and Spring Gar-  
den Soup societies, from taxation."

The bill then passed finally.

Mr. BOUGHTER moved to discharge the Ju-  
diciary Committee from the further consid-  
eration of "an Act to authorize the county of  
Dauphin to borrow money;" and  
that the Senate proceed to the consideration of  
the same.

The motion was agreed to;

And the Senate dispensed with going into  
committee of the whole;

And the bill, after going through its several  
readings,  
Passed finally.

Mr. IMBRIE moved to discharge the Com-  
mittee on Roads and Bridges from the further  
consideration of "an Act to lay out a State road  
in the counties of Butler and Allegheny;" and  
that the Senate proceed to the consideration of  
the same.

The motion was agreed to;

And the Senate went into committee of the  
whole on said bill, (Mr. GREGG in the Chair),  
and after some time the Chairman reported the  
same back to the Senate as committed, when it  
passed on its second reading and was laid over  
on the orders.

Mr. BOUND moved that the Committee on  
Roads and Bridges be discharged from the fur-  
ther consideration of House bill, No. 88, en-  
titled "an Act repealing an Act authorizing the  
selling of the repairing of the public roads in  
certain townships of Schuylkill county, so far  
as the same relates to Rush and Butler town-  
ships in said county;" and that the Senate  
proceed to consider the same.

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.

Mr. BOUND moved that the Committee on  
Corporations be discharged from the further  
consideration of House bill, No. 36, entitled  
"an Act to extend the charter of the Short  
Mountain Coal Company," and that the Senate  
proceed to the consideration of the same.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate, after having dispensed with going  
into Committee of the Whole, considered the  
bill, when it passed finally.

Mr. YARDLEY moved that the Senate ad-  
journ.

Agreed to; and at 4 o'clock P. M., the  
SPEAKER adjourned the Senate until to-  
morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, Jan 28, 1861.

The House was called to order at 3 o'clock  
P. M., by the Speaker, and opened with prayer  
by Rev. Mr. Cattel.

The CLERK read the journal of last Friday.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.  
The Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth  
being introduced presented a letter from the  
Governor inclosing joint resolutions from the  
State Legislatures of Ohio, Virginia and Tennes-  
see, which were read as follows:

JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE STATE OF OHIO, PASSED JANUARY 12,  
1861.

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  
government that constitutes the American peo-  
ple one people, is essential to the support of  
their tranquility at home, of their property,  
and of that very liberty which they so highly  
prize, are firmly and ardently attached to the  
National Constitution and the Union of the  
States.

2. That the general government cannot per-  
mit the secession of any State without violating  
the obligations by which it is bound, under the  
compact, to the other States and to every citi-  
zen of the United States.

3. That whilst the constitutional rights of  
every State in the Union shall be preserved  
inviolate, the powers and authority of the Na-  
tional Government must be maintained, and the  
laws of Congress faithfully enforced, in every  
State and territory, until repealed by Congress  
or adjudged to be unconstitutional by the proper  
judicial tribunal; and all attempts by State au-  
thorities to nullify the Constitution of the  
United States or the laws of the Federal Gov-  
ernment, or to resist the execution thereof, are  
revolutionary in their character, and tend to  
the disruption of the best and wisest system  
of government in the world.

4. That the people of Ohio are inflexibly op-  
posed 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  
domestic concerns.

5. That it is the will and purpose of the peo-  
ple of Ohio to fulfil, in good faith, all their  
obligations under the Constitution of the United  
States, according to the spirit and intent there-  
of; and they demand the faithful discharge of  
the same duty by every State in the Union;  
and thus, as far as may be, to insure tranqui-  
lity between the State of Ohio and the other  
States.

6. That it is incumbent upon any States hav-  
ing enactments on their statute books, conflict-  
ing with or rendering less efficient the Consti-  
tution or laws of the United States, to repeal  
them; and it is equally incumbent upon the  
General Government and the several States to  
secure to every citizen of the United States his  
rights in every State under that provision of the  
Constitution which guarantees to the citizens of  
each State all the privileges and immunities of  
the citizens of the several States, and thus in-

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, Jan 28, 1861.

The House was called to order at 3 o'clock  
P. M., by the Speaker, and opened with prayer  
by Rev. Mr. Cattel.

The CLERK read the journal of last Friday.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.  
The Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth  
being introduced presented