

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 16th District, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Jenkins, Kirk, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Swearingen and Tuten—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey 22d District, Bielby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hardee, Parkhill, Schumacher, Smith and Tuten—9.

And it was not agreed to.  
So the motion was lost.

Mr. Swearingen moved that the consideration of House Resolution No. 27 be made the special order for 11 o'clock to-morrow morning ;

Which was agreed to,  
And the order was made.

Mr. Rogers moved that House Bill No. 20 be recommitted to a special committee, and that they take the bill under consideration and report their action to-morrow morning ;

Which was agreed to,

And Messrs. Rogers, Bryant and Jenkins were appointed on said committee.

Mr. Bielby moved that the Senate adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning ;

Which was agreed to.  
The Senate stood so adjourned.

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FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1889.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names :

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bielby, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Houston, Jenkins, Kirk, Pirrong, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith, Swearingen, Tuten, Wilkinson and Yancey—24.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of the morning session of the 30th was corrected and approved.

By unanimous consent—

Mr. Houston introduced :

Senate Bill No. 254 :

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent live stock from running at large in certain election districts in Leon county ;

Which was read the first time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and—

Senate Bill No. 254,

Was read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and—

Senate Bill No. 254,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage,

Pending which a message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Bryant moved that the rules be waived, and that messages from the House of Representatives be taken up for consideration ;

Which was not agreed to.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Swearingen moved that the further reading of Senate Bill No. 254 be postponed.

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

Mr. Bryant raised the point of order that the motion could not be entertained as Mr. Swearingen had the floor when the motion was made.

The Chair considered the point well taken.

Mr. Swearingen again moved that the further reading of Senate Bill No. 254 be dispensed with.

Mr. Kirk moved that the motion be laid on the table ;

Which was agreed to,

And the motion was laid on the table.

Mr. Houston moved that the blank in bill be filled by inserting " first day of September ;"

Which was ordered to be inserted by the Clerk.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 254,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Houston, Kirk, Pirrong, Randell, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith, Tuten and Yancey—19.

Nays—Messrs. Brett, Bryant, Swearingen and Wilkinson—4.

—4.

So Senate Bill No. 254 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Kirk moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 254 passed.

Mr. Yancey moved to table the motion to reconsider ;

Which was agreed to,

On motion of Mr. Bryant messages from the House of Representatives were taken up for consideration, and  
The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 351:

A bill to be entitled an act making additional appropriation for expenses of the Legislature of 1889,  
And ask the Senate to agree thereto.

Very respectfully,  
B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 351:

A bill to be entitled an act making additional appropriation for expenses of the Legislature of 1889,  
Was read the first time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Bryant the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

House Bill No. 351 was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Bryant the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote and

House Bill No. 351 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 351,  
The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Bryant, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hammond, Hendry, Houstoun, Kirk, Randell, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith, Tuten, Wilkinson and Yancey—19.

Nays—Messrs. Coulter, Crosby and Swearingen—3.

So House Bill No. 351 passed, title as stated, and under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 30, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to

inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 49:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a bureau of Immigration for the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 30, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred in—

All the Senate amendments to House Bill 140;

Also,

Has concurred in all the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 252.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Bryant, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 227:

An act to provide for the inspection and marketing of pork offered for sale in the markets of this State,

Have had the same under consideration and report the same with the following amendments:

Amend the title by striking out "pork" and insert "hogs."

In section 1, first line, strike out "pork" and insert "hogs."

Add to section 1: "Provided, That the provisions of this

act shall not apply to hogs slaughtered outside the State of Florida."

Very respectfully,

J. W. BRYANT,  
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

The committee amendments to House Bill No. 227 were adopted, and

House Bill No. 227:

An act to provide for the inspection of and marketing of pork offered for sale in the markets of this State,

Was read, under a suspension of the rules by a two thirds vote, a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

House Bill No. 227:

Was read the third time and put upon its passage,

Upon the passage of House Bill No 227,

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Bryant, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Pirrong, Randell, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith, Tuten and Yancey—18.

Nays—Messrs. Coulter, Crosby and Swearingen—3.

So House Bill No. 227,

Passed, title as stated,

And under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

On motion of Mr. Bielby, by unanimous consent, the title of the bill was amended by striking out "pork" and inserting "hogs."

A message was received from the Governor.

Mr. Hammond, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary, by unanimous consent, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 307:

A bill to be entitled an act to enforce the payment of taxes by bankers and brokers,

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

E. M. HAMMOND,  
Chairman Committee.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 30, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 230:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 1 and 2, of chapter 3361, approved March 4, 1881;

Also,

House Bill No. 222:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal, abolish and expunge from the Laws of this State the punishment by whipping or pillory;

Also,

House Substitute for House Bill No. 285:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3, chapter 79, McClellan's Digest, the same being section 17, sub chapter 8, chapter 1637, Laws of Florida, approved August 8, 1868;

Also,

House Bill No. 273:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the transfer of causes from one Criminal Court of Record to another, in cases where the Judges thereof are disqualified,

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

E. M. HAMMOND,  
Chairman Committee.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 30, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 234 :

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the survival of actions ;

Also,

House Bill No. 152 :

An act to prescribe the mode of procedure for changing the names of persons ;

Also,

House Bill No. 105 :

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent hunting deer with firelight in the State of Florida ;

Also,

House Bill No. 216 :

An act limiting the time in which certain officers may be prosecuted and punished,

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

E. M. HAMMOND,

Chairman Committee.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 30, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 204 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 8 of an act entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the creation of corporations and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities, and to re-enact and amend the section repealed by said act, the same being chapter 3165 of the Laws of Florida,

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

E. M. HAMMOND,

Chairman Committee.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 30, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

Sir: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—  
House Bill No. 289 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1, chapter 156, Laws of Florida, approved 1847, as amended by chapter 46, McClellan's Digest, Laws of Florida, relating to County Commissioners ;

Also,

House Bill No. 248 :

A bill to be entitled an act declaring it a misdemeanor for any elector to sell his vote at any election held in this State ;

Also,

House Bill No. 233 :

An act entitled an act to prescribe the compensation of executors, administrators and guardians,

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that they do not pass.

Very respectfully,

E. M. HAMMOND,

Chairman Committee.

Mr. Houstoun, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 253,

And

House Bill No. 221,

Make a favorable report upon the same.

Very respectfully,

P. HOUSTOUN,  
Chairman Committee.

Mr. Dunn moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 253 be read the second time by its title, and made the special order for 11:30 ;

Which was agreed to,  
And the order was made.

Mr. Houstoun moved that the special orders for 9:30 be informally postponed.

Upon the adoption of the motion to pass over informally the special order,

The yeas and nays were called for, and

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hardee, Hendry, Houstoun, Randell, Schumacher, Smith, Swearingen, Tuten and Yancey—15.

Nays—Messrs. Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Kirk, Pirrong, Rogers and Wilkinson—7.

So the motion prevailed,  
Substitute for House Joint Resolution No. 4 :

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida,

Was read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Houstoun the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

Substitute for House Joint Resolution No. 4.

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Joint Resolution No 4,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, 22d District, Bailey 16th District, Bielby, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hardec, Hendry, Houstoun, Jenkins, Kirk, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Schumacher, Smith, Swearingen, Tompkins, Tuten, Wilkinson and Yancey—24.

Nays - None.

So House Joint Resolution No. 4 passed, title as stated, by a three-fifths vote, and under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 254 and Senate Bill No. 97 were ordered to be enrolled.

In pursuance to the notice given Mr. Yancey moved that the vote by which House Bill No. 274 was lost be reconsidered ;

Which was agreed to.

By unanimous consent the Secretary was instructed to re-

quest the House of Representatives to return House Bill No. 274.

On motion of Mr. Kirk,  
House Bill No. 307 :

A bill to be entitled an act to enforce the payment of taxes by bankers and brokers,

Which had been made the special order for 9:45 A. M.,

Was called up under a special order and was being read the second time.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Schumacher moved that the special order for 10 o'clock be at once taken up.

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Kirk, and

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey 22nd District, Bailey 16th District, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Houstoun, Jenkins, Kirk, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Swearingen, Tompkins, Tuten, Wilkinson and Yancey—16.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Schumacher and Smith—9.

So the motion prevailed,

And the special order for 9:45 was informally passed over for the consideration of Substitute for House Bills Nos. 36, 40, 41, 47 and 68.

A message was received from the House of Representatives. The special order for 10 o'clock A. M. being

House Substitute for House Bills Nos. 36, 40, 41, 47 and 68 :

An act to protect the game birds, etc.,

It was called from the calendar and was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Substitute for House Bills Nos. 36, 40, 41, 47 and 68,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bryant, Crosby, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Houstoun, Kirk, Pirrong, Randell, Schumacher, Smith, Tompkins, Tuten and Yancey—18.

Nays—Messrs. Jenkins, Rogers and Swearingen—3.

So House Substitute for House Bills Nos. 36, 40, 41, 47 and 68 passed, title as stated, and under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hendry moved that two other Senators be added to the Committee on Enrolled Bills ;

Which was agreed to,

And Messrs. Smith, Rogers and Randell were appointed on said committee.

Mr. Houstoun was placed on the Recording Committee, in place of Mr. Kirk, who was excused.

Mr. Bailey, of 16th District, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 173:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Brooksville and Lacoochee Railroad Company, to confer certain powers therein expressed, and to grant lands to the same;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 167:

To be entitled an act to appropriate a certain amount of money for the benefit of East Florida Seminary;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 45:

To be entitled an act to provide for the appointment of County Boards of Health in and for the several counties in the State of Florida;

Also.

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 109:

An act declaring the boundaries of the territory constituting the municipality known as the city of Ocala, dividing the same into wards, changing the time of holding elections therein and providing for the appointment of certain officers, the issuing of bonds, and the assessment and collection of taxes in said city;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 201:

An act making appropriation to the Seminary West of the Suwannee river;

Also,

Senate Memorial No. 224:

A memorial of the Legislature of Florida to the Congress of the United States, in reference to a ship canal and improvement of the harbors and entrance ways thereto from the At-

lantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, in the behalf of an interstate and international commerce;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 182:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations to the State Agricultural College,

Beg leave to report that the same are correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. S. BAILEY,

Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

House Bill No. 307;

Which had been informally passed over,

Was called from the calendar and its second reading concluded.

Mr. Schumacher offered the following amendment:

At the end of section 1 insert, " *Provided*, That all the provisions of this bill shall be applied without discrimination to all citizens of the State of Florida.

Mr. Bielby moved that it be adopted.

Pending which Mr. B. L. Blackburn was appointed to index the Journal of the Senate in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Senate.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of House Bill No. 20, it was called from the calendar.

Mr. Kirk moved that it be informally passed over.

The yeas and nays were called for and the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Hammond, Houstoun, Kirk, Pirrong, Rogers, Swearingen, Tompkins, Tuteu and Yancey—13.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hardee, Hendry, Schumacher and Smith—8.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Bielby moved to make House Bill No 21 the special order for 4 o'clock P. M.

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

The yeas and nays were called and the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 16th District, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Houstoun, Kirk, Pirrong, Tompkins and Wilkinson—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bielby,

Brett, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Rogers, Schumacher, Tuten and Yancey—13.

So the motion to table was lost.

The question recurred upon the motion to make House Bill No. 21 the special order for 4 o'clock.

Pending which a message was received from the House of Representatives.

The motion to make House Bill No. 21 the special order for 4 P. M. was lost.

By permission, Mr. Tuten introduced—  
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 255 :

To compensate Secretary Finley for extra services rendered the Legislature of 1889 ;

Which was read the first time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Tuten the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote and Senate Joint Resolution No. 255 was read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Tuten the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and Senate Joint Resolution No. 255 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

By unanimous consent Mr. Dismukes was allowed to amend the resolution by striking out the words "and fifty."

Upon the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 255,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey 22d, Bailey 16th, Bielby, Coulter, Crosby, Drake, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Houston, Kirk, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Schumacher, Tompkins and Tuten—19.

Nays—Messrs. Bryant, Dismukes and Yancey—3.

So Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 225 passed, title as stated, and under the rule was certified to the House at once.

On motion of Mr. Bielby House Bill No. 20 :

To be entitled an act to establish a uniform system of common schools and county high schools,

Was called from the calendar and under a suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote, was read the second time by its title.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Bielby House Bill No. 20 was made the special order for 3 o'clock P. M.

The hour having arrived for the special consideration of—  
House Joint Resolution No. 27 :

Relating to land grants made by the United States to the States of Alabama and Florida, by act of Congress approved March 17th, 1856,

It was called from the calendar and was being read the second time.

When Mr. Swearingen was called to the chair.

Mr. Dunn offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The matters and things contained in House Joint Resolution are of great importance to a large number of the citizens of this State, and should be thoroughly understood by the Senate before it takes action thereon ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Hon. Wilkinson Call and P. W. White be invited to address the Senate on the purport and provision of said resolution during the consideration thereof.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by limiting each speaker to forty minutes ;

Which was agreed to and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hammond moved that at the conclusion of the debate the special orders now next in order shall immediately take their respective places on the calendar for consideration ;

Which was agreed to, and such was the order.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Rogers moved that the further reading of House Joint Resolution No. 27 be dispensed with ;

Which was agreed to, and the further reading was dispensed with.

Mr. Dunn moved that the Senate resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider—

House Joint Resolution No. 27,

And that Honorables Wilkinson Call and P. W. White be requested to address the Senate :

Which was agreed to,

So the Senate went into Committee of the Whole with Mr. Swearingen in the Chair,

And the invitation was extended to Hons. W. Call and P. W. White.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the Committee of the Whole rose and reported progress and asked permission to sit again.

The Senate resumed its session.

By permission, Mr. Latham, Chairman of Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills have considered and examined the following bills :

An act making appropriations for the years 1889 and 1890 and for the first quarter of 1891 ;

Also,

An act making additional appropriation for expenses of the Legislature of 1889,

And find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Also the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined the following—

An act to incorporate the city of New Augustine ;

Also,

An act to fix the pay of the members, officers and attaches of the Regular Session of the Legislature of A. D. 1889 ;

Also,

An act to prevent the introduction into this State of the so-called White or Cottony Cushion Scale ;

Also,

An act to authorize the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville and Atlantic Railroad Company to exercise police and sanitary jurisdiction at Pablo Beach, and to formulate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations concerning the same ;

Also,

An act to authorize the several Judges of the several Judicial Districts of the State of Florida to remove the disabilities of minors ;

Also,

An act to enlarge the powers of the Boards of Commissioners of Pilotage in and for the ports of this State ;

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Suwannee and Gulf Railroad Company, approved June 2d, 1887 ;

Also,

An act to make the laws of other States adopting persons as the heirs of other persons applicable in this State ;

Also,

An act for the relief of Crawford Bass and George M. Ferrell ;

Also,

An act to fix the compensation of jurors and witnesses serving in the courts of this State ;

Also,

An act declaring Anclote river navigable ;

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking for an appropriation and authorizing the placing of a beacon buoy upon the Choctawhatchie bar, at the entrance to the Choctawhatchie Bay at a point known as "The Head of the Narrows ;"

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking that range lights be placed at the Bulk Head in Apalachicola bay ;

Also,

An act to incorporate the Florida International and Semi-Tropical Exposition of Ocala, Florida, and to declare valid all acts done by said corporation in pursuance of powers vested in them, as originally incorporated under the general incorporation laws of the State of Florida ;

Also,

An act to prescribe the bonds to be given by certain county officers in Holmes county ;

Also,

Memorial of the Legislature of Florida to the Congress of the United States ;

Also,

An act declaring the boundaries of the territory constituting the municipality known as the city of Ocala, dividing the same into wards, changing the time of holding elections therein and providing for the appointment of certain officers, the issuing of bonds and the assessment and collection of taxes in said city ;

Also,

An act to prescribe a rule of evidence on trial of suits against railroad companies for injuring or killing stock by their engines, cars or trains in this State ;

Also,

An act to authorize George R. Langford, of the county of Polk, to construct a bridge across Peace River, and to charge toll for use of same ;

Also,

An act to provide for keeping in condition the public roads, bridges and the laying out and constructing of the same, and the raising of revenue for that purpose;

Also,

An act to provide for the registration of legally qualified voters in the several counties of this State, and to provide for elections generally, and for the returns of elections;

Also,

An act to appropriate a certain amount of money for the benefit of the East Florida Seminary,

Also,

An act to amend sections 9, 18, 22, 30, 35, 62 and 63 of an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved June 13, 1887, chapter 3681, Laws of Florida,

And beg leave to report they are correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

A message was received from the Governor.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Latham, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate*

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they have submitted to the Governor, for his consideration, the following bills:

An act to provide for the revision and consolidation of the public statutes of this State;

Also,

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 1901 of the Laws of Florida;

Also,

An act to include part of township 29, in range 27, in Lake County;

Also,

An act to define the duties of inspectors of timber in the State of Florida, and to declare a standard rule of inspection, and to impose penalties for wilful failure to make correct and accurate report of amount of timber inspected, and for selling or buying timber by any other than said standard rule;

Also,

An act to prohibit the wilful running down or removing of the stakes, buoys or other marks designating the water channels of this State;

Also,

An act legalizing the incorporation of the town of Punta Gorda, in the county of De Soto, and to declare the incorporation of Punta Gorda valid and of full force and effect;

Also,

An act to amend section 7, chapter 3768, Laws of Florida, same being an act to establish a new county from portions of the counties of Orange and Brevard;

Also,

An act to prescribe the mode of proceedings before county judges for the sale of real estate of decedents and minors;

Also,

An act to provide for the appointment of Commissioners of Fisheries, and to define the duties in the State of Florida;

Also,

An act supplementary to an act to establish the municipality of Jacksonville, provide for its government and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, approved May 31st, 1887, and to extend the powers of the government thereof;

Also,

An act to amend sections 2, 3 and 5, of an act entitled an act regulating the sale of beef under circumstances therein provided for, Chapter 3613, Laws of Florida, approved Feb. 16th 1885;

Also,

An act to grant lands to the Western Railway Company of Florida to aid the construction of a railroad from a point at the western terminus of the railroad, constructed by the Green Cove Spring and Melrose Company to Melrose, with branches to Starke and Hawthorne;

Also,

An act to regulate the practice of medicine and provide the appointment of a Board of Medical Examiners in the State of Florida;

Also,

An act regulating assignment for the benefit of creditors.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman of Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Hendry introduced the following Concurrent Resolution :

That the Senate is aware of the fact that it is impossible to pass any more bills through both Houses ; be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate act only on House bills, and the House act only on Senate bills, and that this resolution take effect at 3 o'clock this evening ;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Hammond moved that the Senate go into executive session ;

Which was agreed to,

And the Senate went into executive session.

The doors were closed.

The doors were opened.

The following message from the Governor was read :

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla, May 30, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have signed the following :

An act to amend section 8 of an act to create and establish the county of Lake from portions of Sumter and Orange counties.

An act to provide for the forfeiture of certain lands heretofore granted by the State of Florida for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads and cutting canals.

An act to regulate the practice of pharmacy in cities and towns of more than two hundred inhabitants, and the sale of poisons in the State of Florida, and to affix penalties.

An act to define the legal time in the State of Florida.

An act to continue the rights, privileges, powers, franchises and grants of the Florida Midland and Georgia Railroad Company, and to extend the time for the completion of the same.

An act to change and permanently establish the boundary line between Suwannee and Columbia counties.

An act to incorporate the West Florida and Alabama Railroad Company.

An act making an appropriation for the Florida Normal School and Business Institute.

An act to continue the rights, privileges, powers, franchises, and grants of the Santa Fe and St. Johns Railway Company and to extend the time for the completion of the same.

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Orange City, in the county of Volusia, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Orange City, valid and of full force and effect.

Memorial to Congress of the United States of America, asking for the establishment of fish hatcheries on the coast of Florida.

An act to incorporate the Southern Savings and Trust Company.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 1987 of the Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to provide a general law for the incorporation of railroads and canals.

An act declaring the stream known as "Collins Slough," in the State of Florida, navigable.

An act to provide for appointment of recorders in and for provisional municipalities, and to define their jurisdiction and powers.

Memorial to Congress asking for an appropriation to make navigable the waterway from the Apalachicola river four miles below Iola, Florida, through Lee's Slough, to the Chipola river, known as the "Cut off," and the Chipola river from Lee's Slough to the Apalachicola river.

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Seville, in the county of Volusia, and declare legal and binding the acts of its officers.

An act entitled an act to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to amend section 5 of an act entitled an act to dissolve municipal corporations, under circumstances therein stated and to provide provisional governments for the same, approved January 28th, 1885, approved June 7th, 1887.

And I have deposited the same with the Secretary of State. I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

FRANCIS P. FLEMING,

Governor.

On motion of Mr. Kirk, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and—

House Bill No. 185 :

An act to repeal section 5 of an act entitled an act to incorporate a company to can and deal in fruit, vegetables and oysters, etc..

Was read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Hammond, the rules were waived by a thirds vote, and—

House Bill No. 185 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 185,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Rielby, Bryant, Dismukes, Crosby, Hammond, Hardec, Hendry, Houstoun, Kirk, Parkhill, Pirrong, Rogers, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith and Swearingen—19.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 185 passed, title as stated, and under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

The President announced that he was about to sign the following bills :

An act making appropriations for the years 1889 and 1890, and for the first quarter of 1891 ;

Also,

An act making additional appropriation for the expenses of the Legislature 1889 ;

Also,

An act to incorporate the City of New Augustine ;

Also,

An act to fix the pay of the members, officers and attaches of the regular session of the Legislature of A. D. 1889 ;

Also,

An act to prevent the introduction into this State of the so-called white or cottony cushion scale ;

Also,

An act to authorize the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville and Atlantic Railroad Company to exercise police and sanitary jurisdiction at Pablo Beach, and to formulate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations concerning the same ;

Also,

An act to authorize the several judges of the several judicial districts of the State of Florida to remove the disabilities of minors ;

Also,

An act to enlarge the powers of the Board of Commissioners of Pilotage in and for the ports of this State ;

Also,

An act entitled an act to incorporate the Suwannee and Gulf Railway Company ;

Also,

An act to make the laws of other States, adopting persons as the heirs of other persons applicable in this State ;

Also,

An act for the relief of Crawford Bass and George M. Ferrell ;

Also,

An act to fix the compensation of jurors and witnesses serving in the courts of this State ;

Also,

An act declaring the Anclote river navigable ;

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking for an appropriation and authorizing the placing of a beacon buoy upon the Choctawhatchie bar, at the entrance of the Choctawhatchie bay, at a point known as " The Head of the Narrows ;"

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking that range lights be placed at the Bulk Head, in Apalachicola bay ;

Also,

An act to incorporate the Florida International and Semi-Tropical Exposition of Ocala, Florida, and to declare valid all acts done by said corporation in pursuance of powers vested in them, as originally incorporated under the general incorporation laws of the State of Florida ;

Also,

An act to prescribe the bonds to be given by certain county officers in Holmes county ;

Also,

Memorial of the Legislature of Florida to the Congress of the United States ;

Also,

An act declaring the boundaries of the territory constituting the municipality known as the city of Ocala, dividing the same into wards, changing the time of holding elections therein, and providing for the appointment of certain officers ; the issuing of bonds and the assessment and collection of taxes in said city ;

Also,

An act to prescribe a rule of evidence on trial of suits against railroad companies for injury or killing stock by their engines, cars or trains in this State;

Also,

An act to authorize George R. Langford, of the county of Polk, to construct a bridge across Peace river and to charge toll for use of same;

Also,

An act to provide for keeping in condition the public roads, bridges and the laying out and constructing of the same, and the raising of revenue for that purpose;

Also.

An act to provide for the registration of legally qualified voters in the several counties of this State, and to provide for elections generally and for the return of elections;

Also,

An act to appropriate a certain amount of money for the benefit of the East Florida Seminary;

Which were signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Hendry moved that the Senate take a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.;

Which was agreed to.

So the Senate took a recess.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

W. S. Bullock, to be Judge of the Criminal Court of Record of Marion County, Fla.

Edward Badger, to be County Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record of Marion County, Fla.

Wm. P. Trantham, to be Clerk of the Criminal Court of Record of Marion County, Fla.

T. S. Haughton, to be Judge of the Criminal Court of Record of Putnam County, Fla.

J. H. Spafford, to be County Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record of Putnam County, Fla.

J. N. Blackwell, to be Clerk of the Criminal Court of Record of Putnam County, Fla.

E. E. Saunders, to be Commissioner of the Provisional Municipality of Pensacola for Election District Twelve.

John Cosgrove, to be Commissioner of the Provisional Municipality of Pensacola for Election District Fourteen.

George A. Stephens, to be Harbor Master for the Port of Apalachicola, Fla.

George J. Slocumb, to be Custodian of Lost Timber for the Port of Pensacola.

Thomas Ellis, to be County Commissioner for District Two, of Washington County.

To be County Commissioners for Franklin: Rufus M. Vest, for District One; John G. Ruge, for District Three; W. D. Archer, for District Four.

#### THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Houston, Kirk, Rogers, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith, Swearingen, Tuten and Yancey—23.

A quorum present.

By permission—

Mr. Tuten, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—  
House Bill No. 189,

Beg leave to report that we have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. D. TUTEN,  
Chairman Committee.

Mr. Hammond moved that the Senate go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of House Joint Resolution No. 27;

Which was agreed to,

And the Senate went into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Hammond moved that Hon. P. W. White be invited to address the Senate upon House Joint Resolution No. 27;

Which was agreed to,

And the invitation was extended and Judge White proceeded to address the Senate.

Mr. Yancey moved that Hon. Wilkinson Call be allowed fifteen minutes in which to reply to the remarks of Hon. P. W. White;

Which was agreed to,

And Mr. Call proceeded to address the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee rose and reported progress.

A message was received from the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, messages from the House of Representatives were taken up, and the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 283:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Marion G. Carlton, of Manatee county,

And respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 283:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Marion G. Carlton, of Manatee county,

Was read the first time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

House Bill No. 283 was read the second time by its title.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 97:

To be entitled an act to extend the powers of courts of chancery in this State;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 254:

To be entitled an act to prevent live stock from running at large in certain election districts in Leon county.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

Senate Bills No. 97 and 254 were ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Memorial No. 157:

To Congress for an appropriation for a survey of a ship canal across the Peninsular of Florida.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

A message was received from the House of Representatives

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 53 :

To be entitled an act to declare the territory lying south of township line dividing townships 24 and 25 now forming part of Sumter county to be a part of Polk county.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 153 was ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 349 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Andrews Bay Construction and Improvement Company,

And respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 349 :

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Andrews Bay Construction Company,

Was read the first time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Dismukes, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and—

House Bill No. 349 was read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Dismukes, the rules were further waived by a two-thirds vote, and

House Bill No. 349 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 349,  
The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Bryant, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Kirk, Parkhill, Schumacher, Smith, Swearingen and Yancey—16.

Nays—Mr. Rogers—1.

So House Bill No. 349 passed, title as stated,

And under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

The following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 336 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the drainage of wet lands, marshes and swamps for agricultural and sanitary purposes, and affix penalties,

And respectfully ask the Senate to agree thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 336 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the drainage of wet lands, marshes and swamps for agricultural and sanitary purposes, and affix penalties,

Was read the first time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 336 was read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the rules were further waived and House Bill No. 336 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 336,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey 22d District, Bailey 16th District Brett, Coulter, Drake, Dunn, Kirk, Rogers and Yancey—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bielby, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Hendry, Schumacher, Smith and Swearingen—8.

So House Bill No. 336 passed, title as stated, and under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

Mr. Parkhill was called to the chair.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 126 :

To be entitled an act to provide a fund for immigration purposes,

With the following amendment, viz :

Strike out "one-half mill," and insert in lieu thereof "one-eighth mill," in lines 11 and 15, in section 1,

And respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM.

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Bryant the Senate concurred in House amendment to Senate Bill No. 126, and it was, under the rule, certified to the House of Representatives at once.

By unanimous consent Mr. Hammond offered the following Senate resolution :

Senate Resolution No. 256 :

WHEREAS, The Senate has imposed upon the Chief Secretary the extra and laborious task of making out a daily calendar and record of bills for the benefit of the Senate and House of Representatives, which work has been of valuable service to the State in the saving of valuable time ; and

Whereas, The labor of keeping the records of the Executive Sessions devolves entirely, under the rules, upon the Secretary, which work is an arduous and responsible one ; and

Whereas, The Secretary has performed the extra and laborious duties imposed upon him without murmur or dissent ; therefore, be it by the Senate

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) be and the same is hereby appropriated to Secretary Finley as compensation for the additional labor he has, by order of the Senate, efficiently performed ;

Which was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent—

House Bill No. 125 :

An act to legalize the corporation of Orange Park, etc.,

Was called from the calendar and was read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Drake, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 125 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 125,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey 22d District, Bailey 16th District, Bielby, Brett, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hendry, Kirk, Parkhill, Rogers, Schumacher, Smith, Swearingen and Yancey—17.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 125 passed, title as stated,

And under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

On motion of Mr. Yancey—

House Bill No. 253 :

An act to incorporate the Ocklawaha Canal Company,

Was called from the calendar under the rule and was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 253,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Brett, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Kirk, Parkhill, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith, Swearingen and Yancey—17.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 253 passed, title as stated, and under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Bryant moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 241 be taken up for consideration.

Mr. Bielby called for the yeas and nays upon the motion to waive the rules, and

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bryant, Crosby, Kirk, Parkhill, Randell, Rogers, Swearingen and Yancey—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bielby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Houston, Schumacher, Smith and Tuten—9.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Bryant moved that House Bill No. 241 be made special order for 10:30 to-night ;

Which was agreed to,

And such was the order.

On motion of Mr. Rogers,

House Bill No. 20 :

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a uniform system of common schools and county high schools,

Was called from the calendar and was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Mr. Houston moved that 200 copies of the bill be printed, and that it remain on its second reading.

Mr. Rogers moved to lay the motion on the table ;

Which was agreed to,

And the resolution was laid on the table.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 20,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Bryant, Coulter, Dismukes, Dunn, Hardee, Houston, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith, Swearingen, Tuten and Yancey—19.

Nays—Mr. Crosby—1.

So House Bill No. 20 passed, title as stated, and the same was ordered certified to the House of Representatives at once.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Latham, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR : Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined the following bills—

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Fort Myers, in the county of Lee, and to declare the incorporation of Fort Myers valid and of full force and effect ;

Also,

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 63, act of November 20, 1828, as amended by section 4, act of November 21, 1829, the same being section 15 of chapter 2 of McClellan's Digest ;

Also,

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a charitable and educational institution in the counties of St. Johns and Putnam, in the State of Florida, under the name and style of " St. Joseph's Convent ;"

Also,

An act to incorporate the Brooksville and Lacochee Railroad Company, to confer certain powers therein expressed, and to grant lands to the same ;

Also,

An act prescribing the time within which chattels mortgages shall be recorded ;

Also,

An act making appropriation to the Seminary West of the Suwannee river ;

Also,

An act making appropriations to the State Agricultural College ;

Also,

An act to provide for the appointment of County Boards of Health in and for the several counties in the State of Florida ;

Also,

An act to provide for the appointment of a State Chemist and Inspector of Fertilizers,

And beg leave to report they are correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined the following bills :

A bill to be entitled an act to enable the Town Council of the town of Kissimmee City, Florida, to levy certain taxes and provide for a more complete assessment of the property in town for town purposes;

Also,

An act to further protect the owners of live stock living near or adjoining the rights of way of railroad Companies, and to provide for the speedy collection by such owners of live stock of all such amounts as have heretofore or may hereafter become due for all damages done by the engines or cars of any railroad company to any live stock caused by a failure to erect or maintain fences or stock guards as provided by law;

Also,

An act declaring the town of Dade City, in the County of Pasco, to be a legally incorporated town.

Also,

An act legalizing the incorporation and municipal government of the town of Apopka City, in the county of Orange and State of Florida, to define its boundaries, and to provide for listing and assessing, and to provide for changing the name and seal of said town, and for other purposes herein provided;

Also,

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the reprinting of certain enumerated volumes of Florida Supreme Court Reports, now out of print;

Also,

An act to repeal section 1 of chapter 3759, of the acts of 1887, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to protect fresh water fisheries of the State of Florida;

Also,

An act to protect and preserve certain animals and birds, wild by nature, within the county of Orange and State of Florida;

Also,

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida;

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to abolish the corporations of the towns of Tampa and North Tampa, to provide a municipal government for the city of Tampa, and to define the boundaries thereof;

Also,

A bill to be entitled an act supplemental to an act to provide for the examination and settlement of the claims against the State of Florida for services rendered during the last Seminole Indian war, approved March 11, 1879;

Also,

An act to authorize the Internal Improvement Board to deed lands to certain public work;

Also,

An act in relation to the record of deeds, mortgages and other instruments in writing;

Also,

An act to extend the franchises and privileges of the Alabama, Florida and Atlantic Railway Company;

Also,

An act to establish a Bureau of Immigration for the State of Florida;

Also,

An act to legalize conveyances of real estate in the State of Florida heretofore or hereafter executed in other States and Territories of the United States in accordance with the laws of such other States and Territories;

Also,

An act to prevent live stock from running at large in certain Election Districts in Leon county, and to provide for the impounding and sale of stock so running at large;

Also,

An act to extend the powers of the Courts of Chancery in this State;

Also,

An act to encourage the formation of manufacturing companies in this State;

Also,

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Order of Saint Benedict in the State of Florida;

Also,

An act to provide an annuity for disabled soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida;

Also,

An act to provide for the levy of taxes for the year 1889 and 1890,

And find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 184:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 254:

To be entitled an act to prevent live stock from running at large in certain precincts of Leon county, Fla.;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 103:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the Internal Improvement Board to deed lands to certain public work,

Also,

Senate Bill No. 49:

A bill to be entitled an act establish a Board of Immigration for the State of Florida;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 97:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the powers of Courts of Chancery in this State;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 73:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the record of deeds, mortgages and other instruments in writing,

Also,

Senate Bill No. 194:

Entitled an act to encourage the formation of manufacturing companies in the State of Florida,

Also,

Senate Bill No. 242:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the franchise and privileges of the Alabama, Florida and Atlantic Railway Company,

Also,

Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 119:

To be entitled an act to legalize conveyances of real estate in the State of Florida, heretofore or hereafter executed in other States and Territories of the United States, in accordance with the laws of such other States and Territories,

Beg leave to report that we find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. S. BAILEY,

Chairman Committee.

On motion of Mr. Dunn—

House Bill No. 243:

To be entitled an act to extend and enlarge the powers of the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Florida,

Was called from the calendar and was read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote and House Bill No. 243 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 243,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hardee, Houston, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Smith, Swearingen, Tutten and Yancey—17.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 243 passed, title as stated,

And under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

Mr. Yancey, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 99:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the City of Jacksonville to issue bonds,

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report the same back without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

D. H. YANCEY,

Chairman Committee.

Mr. Swearingen moved that the Senate go into Executive Session;

Which was agreed to,

And the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors were closed.

The doors were opened.

Mr. Parkhill, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred—

House Memorial No. 15 :

To Congress asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 to dredge the sea bar and also the mouth of Crooked river, in Franklin county, Florida,

Beg leave to report that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. B. PARKHILL,

Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Senate take a recess until eight o'clock P. M. ;

Which was agreed to,

So the Senate took a recess.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names :

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bielby, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hendry, Houstoun, Jenkins, Parkhill, Randell, Rogers, Schumacher, Smith and Yancey—18.

A quorum present.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent Mr. Hammond introduced the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the action of the Senate taken on or about the 20th day of April, 1889, making T. J. Appleyard an attache was intended to make him an elected clerk of the Senate, and that he is entitled to the same pay allowed other elected clerks ;

Which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tuten the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and—

House Bill No. 189 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. William Simpson,

Was called from the calendar and was read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the rules were further waived by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 189,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage,

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 189,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bielby, Bryant, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Jen-

kins, Parkhill, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith and Yancey—17.  
Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 189,  
Passed, title as stated, and under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.  
By permission, Mr. Bielby introduced—  
Senate Joint Resolution No. 257 :  
Relating to payment of C. A. Finley for extra services on daily calendar ;

Which was read the first time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Bielby, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote and Senate Joint Resolution No. 257 was read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Bielby the rules were further waived by a two-thirds vote and Senate Joint Resolution No. 257 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 257,  
The vote was .

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bielby, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Houstoun, Jenkins, Parkhill, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith, Tuten and Yancey—21.  
Nays—None.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 257 passed, title as stated, and under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

By permission Mr. Houstoun, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, made the following report ;

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 220,

And

House Bill No. 158 :

Beg leave to report the same back without any recommendation.

Very respectfully,

P. HOUSTOUN,  
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Bailey, 16th, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 126 :

An act to provide a fund for immigration purposes ;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 152 :

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bluff Springs, in the County of Escambia ;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 53 :

Entitled an act to declare the territory lying south of township line dividing townships 24 and 25, now forming part of Sumter county, to be a part of Polk county ;

Also,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 40 :

Asking for a reduction of the price of the Internal Improvement land of the State of Florida ;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 192 :

To be entitled an act to legalize the action of certain counties in the State of Florida, and to authorize a special tax ;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 208 :

To be entitled an act to fix the boundary lines of the town of Jasper, and to legalize the town government of the same, and to provide for contracting or extending of said town ;

Also,

Senate Memorial No. 157 :

Memorial to Congress asking for a survey of a ship canal across the Peninsular of Florida,

Beg leave to report the same correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. S. BAILEY,  
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

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On motion of Mr. Bryant, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

House Bill No. 283:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Marion G. Carlton of Manatee county,

Was called from the calendar and was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 283,

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22 District, Bryant, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Parkhill, Randell, Rogers, Schumacher, Tuten and Yancey—13.

Nays—Messrs. Coulter, Dismukes, Rosborough and Smith—4.

So House Bill No. 283 passed, title as stated.

And under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

On motion of Mr. Parkhill the rules were waived, and—

House Memorial No. 15:

To Congress asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 to dredge the sea bar, and also the mouth of Crooked river, in Franklin county, Florida,

Was called from the calendar and was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Parkhill the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and—

House Memorial No. 15,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Memorial No. 15,

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Brett, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Houstoun, Kirk, Parkhill, Randell, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith, Swearingen and Yancey—20.

Nays—None.

So House Memorial No. 15 passed, title as stated,

And under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

On motion of Mr. Yancey the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and—

House Joint Resolution No. 27,

Was called from the calendar for consideration.

Pending which a message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Kirk offered the following amendment to House Joint Resolution No. 27:

In section 1, line 1, page 12, after the words "Therefore be it resolved," strike out all down to and including line 5; also, in section 2, line 2, after the word "faith," strike out "to one hundred and sixty acres of," and insert "of any of the aforesaid;"

Which was read and adopted.

The President announced that he was about to sign the following bills:

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Fort Myers in the county of Lee and to declare the incorporation of Fort Myers valid and in full force and effect,

An act to amend section 63, act of November 20, 1828, as amended by section 4, act of November 21, 1829, the same being section 15, of chapter 2, of McClellan's Digest;

Also,

An act prescribing the time within which chattel mortgages shall be recorded;

Also,

An act making an appropriation to the Seminary West of the Suwannee river;

Also,

An act making appropriations to the State Agricultural College;

Also,

An act to provide for the appointment of County Boards of Health in and for the several counties of the State of Florida;

Also,

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a charitable and educational institution in the counties of St. Johns and Putnam, in the State of Florida, under the name and style of "St. Joseph's Convent;"

Also,

An act to incorporate the Brooksville and Lacoochee Railroad Company, to confer certain powers therein expressed and to grant lands to the same;

Also,

An act to provide for the appointment of a State Chemist and Inspector of Fertilizer;

Also,

An act to enable the Town Council of the town of Kissimmee City, Florida, to levy certain taxes and provide for a more complete assessment of the property in said town for town purposes;

Also,

An act to further protect the owners of live stock living near

or adjoining the right of way of any railroad company, and to provide for the speedy collection by such owners of live stock of all such accounts as have heretofore or may hereafter become due for all damages done by the engines or cars of any railroad company to any live stock caused by a failure to erect or maintain fences or stock guards as provided by law ;

Also,

An act declaring the town of Dade City, in the county of Pasco, to be a legally incorporated town ;

Also,

An act to legalize the incorporation and municipal government of the town of Apopka City, in the county of Orange, State of Florida, to define its boundaries and to provide for listing or assessing taxes and to provide for changing the name and seal of said town, and for other purposes hereinafter provided ;

Also,

An act to provide for the reprinting of certain enumerated volumes of Florida Supreme Court Reports, now out of print ;

Also,

An act to repeal section one of chapter 3759 of the acts of 1887, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to protect fresh water fishes of the State of Florida ;

Also,

An act to protect and preserve certain animals and birds wild by nature within the county of Orange, in the State of Florida ;

Also,

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida :

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to abolish the corporation of the towns of Tampa and North Tampa, to provide a municipal government for the city of Tampa, and to define the boundaries thereof ;

Also,

An act supplementary to an act to provide for the examination and settlement of the claims against the State of Florida for services rendered during the last Seminole Indian war, approved March 11, 1879 ;

Also,

An act authorizing the Internal Improvement Board to deed lands to certain public works ;

Also,

An act in relation to the record of deeds, mortgages and other instruments in writing ;

Also,

An act to extend the franchises and privileges of the Alabama, Florida and Atlantic Railway Company ;

Also,

An act to establish a Bureau of Immigration for the State of Florida ;

Also,

An act to legalize conveyances of real estate in the State of Florida heretofore or hereafter executed in the other States and Territories of the United States in accordance with the laws of such other States and Territories ;

Also,

An act to make it unlawful for live stock to run at large in certain election districts of Leon County, and to provide for the impounding and sale of stock so running at large ;

Also,

An act to extend the powers of the Court of Chancery in this State ;

Also,

An act to encourage the formation of manufacturing companies in this State ;

Also,

An act to incorporate the Order of Saint Benedict in the State of Florida ;

Also,

An act to provide an annuity for disabled soldiers and sailors in the State of Florida ;

Also,

An act to provide for the levy of taxes for the years 1889 and 1890 ;

Which were signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Yancey, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

Senate Joint Resolution No. 27 :

Relating to land grant made by the United States to the States of Alabama and Florida by the act of Congress, approved 17th May, 1856,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Joint Resolution No. 27,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey 16th District, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Hendry, Jenkins, Kirk, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Swearingen and Yancey—14.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey 22d District, Bielby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Schumacher, Smith and Tuten—10.

So House Joint Resolution No. 27 passed, title as stated. And under the rule was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

A message was received from the House of Representatives. Mr. Latham, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined—

An act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine ;

Also,

An act to legalize the actions of certain counties in the State of Florida, and to authorize a special tax ;

Also,

An act to fix the boundary lines in the town of Jasper, and to legalize the town government of the same, and to provide for contracting and extending the limits of said town ;

Also,

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bluff Springs, in the county of Escambia ;

Also,

An act to declare the territories lying south of townships 24 and 25, now a part of Sumter County, a part of Polk County,

And find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

A message was received from the House of Representatives. The President announced that he was about to sign the following bills :

An act to incorporate the City of St. Augustine ;

Also,

An act to legalize the actions of certain counties in the State of Florida, and to authorize a special tax ;

Also,

An act to fix the boundary lines in the town of Jasper and to legalize the town government of the same and to provide for the contracting and extending the limits of said town ;

Also,

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bluff Springs, in the county of Escambia,

Also,

An act to declare the territories lying south of townships 24 and 25, now a part of Sumter county, a part of Polk county ;

Which were signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Latham, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined—

A joint resolution asking for a reduction of the price of the Internal Improvement land of the State of Florida ;

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking for a survey of a canal route across the Peninsular of Florida, by way of the St. Johns river, the Ocklawaha river, Lakes Griffin, Harris, Okahumpka river, Lakes Dunham and Okahumpka, Panasoff kee Creek, Lake Panasoff kee and the Withlacoochie river to some point on the Gulf of Mexico ;

Also,

An act to amend chapter 3746, Laws of Florida, creating a railroad commission and defining its powers and duties ;

Also,

An act to provide for drainage of wet land, marshes and swamp for agricultural and sanitary purposes and fix penalties ;

Also,

An act to incorporate St. Andrews Bay Construction and Improvement Company ;

Also,

An act to repeal section 5 of an act to incorporate a company to can and deal in fruit, vegetables, oysters and fish at

St. Lucie and Crystal river, the same being chapter 3821, Laws of Florida, of acts of 1887.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman of Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

The President announced that he was about to sign:

A Joint Resolution asking for a reduction of the price of the Internal Improvement Land of the State of Florida;

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking for a survey of a canal route across the peninsula of Florida by way of the St. Johns river, the Ocklawaha river, Lakes Griffin, Harris, Okahumpka river, Lakes Dunham and Okahumpka, Panasoffkee creek, Lake Panasoffkee and the Withlacoochee river to some point on the Gulf of Mexico;

Also,

An act to amend chapter 3746, Laws of Florida, creating a Railroad Commission, and defining its powers and duties;

Also,

An act to provide for drainage of wet lands, marshes and swamps for agricultural and sanitary purposes, and affix penalties;

Also,

An act to incorporate St. Andrews Bay Construction and Improvement Company;

Also,

An act to repeal section 5 of an act to incorporate a company to can and deal in fruit and vegetables, oysters and fish at St. Lucie and Crystal river, the same being chapter 3821, Laws of Florida, acts of 1887;

Which were signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate.

By permission Mr. Hammond introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 258;

Which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bryant,  
House Bill No. 241.

An act requiring the establishment of depots in certain cases and prescribing the powers and duties of Railroad Commissioners in relation thereto,

Was called from the calendar under the special order and was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Pending which a message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Parkhill moved to postpone the consideration of House Bill No. 241 until 11:30.

Mr. Kirk moved to lay the motion on the table, and called for the yeas and nays, and

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey 22d District, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Hendry, Kirk, Rogers, Swearingen and Yancey—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hammond, Houston, Parkhill, Randell, Schumacher, Smith and Tuten—12.

So the motion to table was lost.

On the motion to postpone the yeas and nays were called for and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Houston, Parkhill, Schumacher, Smith and Tuten—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bryant, Crosby, Drake, Hendry, Kirk, Randell, Rogers, Swearingen and Yancey—10.

So the motion to postpone was lost.

Mr. Hammond moved that the bill be put back upon its second reading.

The motion was withdrawn by Mr. Hammond.

By unanimous consent Mr. Rogers was allowed to amend—  
House Bill No. 241,

On its third reading.

Pending which—

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Parkhill offered the following resolution of thanks:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Hon. J. B. Wall, President of the Senate, for the uniform courtesy, dignity, fairness and distinguished ability with which he has presided over the deliberations of the present session.

Mr. Kirk moved that the resolution be adopted by a rising vote;

Which was agreed to,

And the motion was so adopted.

The following message was received from the Governor:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have signed the following:

An act entitled an act to amend section 1 of chapter 3253 of the Laws of Florida relating to fees of notaries public;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the recovery of lost timber and lumber, to provide for the appointment of a public custodian of the same, and to prescribe his powers, duties and compensation;

An act entitled an act to amend the charter of the East Florida Trust Company;

An act to enlarge and extend the franchises of the St. Cloud Sugar Belt Railway Company;

An act to grant lands to the Gainesville, Tallahassee and Western Railway Company;

An act to include part of township 20, in range 27, in Lake County;

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 1901 of the Laws of Florida;

An act to define the duties of Inspectors of Timber in the State of Florida, and to declare a standard rule of inspection, and to impose penalties for wilful failure to make correct and accurate report of amount of timber inspected, and for selling or buying timber by any other than said standard rule.

An act to enlarge and extend the powers, rights and franchises of the Florida Ocean and Gulf Canal Company, and to enact that the canal and property of same company shall be exempt from taxation.

An act to incorporate the town of Bluff Springs, in the county of Escambia.

An act to declare the territory lying south of township line dividing townships twenty-four and twenty-five, now part of Sumter county, a part of Polk county,

And I have deposited the same with the Secretary of State. I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

F. P. FLEMING,

Governor.

Mr. Latham, Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined—

An act to fix the time of holding the fall terms of the Court for the 6th Judicial Circuit;

Also,

An act to establish and maintain a State prison and provide for the employment of persons convicted of crime and sentenced to the State prison and for the custody, maintenance and discipline of such convicts, and other purposes;

Also,

An act to appropriate \$5,365 for the use of the Florida Institute of the deaf and blind,

And find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

The President announced that he was about to sign the following bills:

An act to fix the time of holding the fall terms of the courts for the Sixth Judicial Circuit;

Also,

An act to establish and maintain a State Prison and provide for the employment of persons convicted of crime and sentenced to the State Prison and for the custody, maintenance and discipline of such convicts and other purposes;

Also,

An act to appropriate \$5,365 00 for the use of the Florida Institute of the Deaf and the Blind;

Which were signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Dunn offered the following resolution:

*Be it resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the press of the State, and more especially to the Hon. F. W. Hawthorne, the able, faithful and gentlemanly representative of the Times-Union, and Mr. Frank Phillips, the courteous and genial representative of the Pensacola News, for courtesies extended this body during its legislative deliberation now about to close;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Yancey offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby extended to the attaches of the Senate for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties :

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Latham, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, have examined—

An act to incorporate the Banana Creek Improvement Canal and Transit Company ;

Also,

An act to amend an act relating to issuance of marriage licenses and record thereof, approved May 27th, 1887 ;

Also,

An act for the relief of Dr. Wm. Simpson, of Suwannee County ;

Also,

An act to extend and enlarge the powers and duties of the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Florida, appointed under chapter 3746 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 7th, 1887 ;

Also,

An act to incorporate the Baylan Street Wharf Company, and confer powers thereon,

And find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

The President announced that he was about to sign the following bills :

An act to incorporate the Banana Creek Improvement Canal and Transit Company ;

Also,

An act to amend an act relating to issuance of marriage licenses and the record thereof, approved May 27th, 1887 ;

Also,

An act for the relief of Dr. William Simpson, of Suwannee county ;

Also,

An act to extend and enlarge the powers and duties of the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Florida, appointed under chapter 3746 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 7th, 1887 ;

Which were signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Bailey 16th, Chairman of Enrolling Committee, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 179 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to issuing marriage licenses and the record thereof, approved May 27, 1887,

Also,

Senate Bill No. 55 :

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Banana Creek Improvement Canal and Transfer Company,

Also,

Senate Bill No. 138 :

An act to incorporate the Baylan Street Wharf Company, and to confer powers thereupon ;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 219 :

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Live Oak, in the county of Suwannee, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Live Oak valid and of full force and effect,

Be it leave to report that the same are correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. S. BAILEY,

Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 215 :

An act to appropriate five thousand three hundred and sixty-five dollars for the use of the Florida Institute for the deaf and the blind ;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 181 :

To be entitled an act to establish and maintain a State Prison, and to provide for the employment of persons convicted of crime and sentenced to the State Prison, and for the custody, maintenance and discipline of such persons, and for other purposes,

Also,

Senate Bill No. 205 :

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the time for holding the fall terms of the Circuit Court for the Sixth Circuit,

Beg leave to report that the same are correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. S. BAILEY,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Mr. Swearingen was called to the chair.

Mr. Latham, Chairman of Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined :

An act for the relief of Marion G. Carlton, ex-tax collector of revenue in and for the County of Manatee ;

Also,

An act to establish a uniform system of common schools and County high schools ;

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking an appropriation for \$50,000 to dredge the sea bar, and also the mouth of the Crooked river in Frank in County.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The President resumed the chair, and announced that he was about to sign the following bills :

An act for the relief of Marion G. Carlton, ex-Tax Collector of Revenue in and for the county of Manatee ;

Also,

An act to establish a uniform system of Common Schools and County High Schools ;

Also,

A memorial to Congress asking an appropriation of \$50,000 to dredge the sea bar and also the mouth of Crooked River, in Franklin county ;

Which were signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Latham, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined the following bills :

An act to incorporate the Ocklawaha Canal Company ;

Also,

A memorial to the Congress of the United States ;

Also,

An act to incorporate the town of Live Oak, in Suwannee county ;

Also,

An act to provide for the creation of corporations and prescribe their general powers and liabilities ;

Also,

An act to incorporate St. Andrews City,

And find them to be correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Mr. Bailey, 16th District, Chairman of Senate Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Memorial No. 253:

To the Congress of the United States, for the construction of a breakwater at the cove of Cape Canaveral, south of Cape Canaveral light-house;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 166:

To be entitled an act to provide for the sale, redemption, cancelation and settlement of lands sold in the State for taxes, and authorizing the Comptroller to refund the amount paid for the certificates upon lands when the assessment was double or taxes paid;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 187:

Entitled an act to amend section 8 of an act entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled act to provide for the creation of corporations, and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities, re-enact and amend the section repealed by said act, approved March 11, 1879;

Also,

A bill to incorporate the city of St. Andrews,  
Beg leave to report that the same are correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. S. BAILEY,  
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 98:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of St. Andrews,

Also,

Senate Bill No. 103:

To be entitled an act authorizing the Internal Improvement Board to deed lands to certain public works.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 98:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the city of St. Andrews,

And,

Senate Bill No. 103:

To be entitled an act authorizing the Internal Improvement Board to deed lands to certain public works,

Were ordered to be enrolled.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has indefinitely postponed—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 255:

To compensate Secretary Finley for extra services rendered the Legislature of 1889.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to

inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 242:

To be entitled an act to extend the franchise and privileges of the Alabama, Florida and Atlantic Railway Company.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 242 was ordered enrolled.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 194 :

To be entitled an act to encourage the formation of manufacturing companies in the State Florida.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 194 was ordered enrolled.

The following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 40 :

Asking a reduction of the price of the Internal Improvements of the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 40 was ordered enrolled.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed

House Bill No. 311 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1, chapter 3751, of the Laws of Florida, acts of 1887 ;

Also,

Has concurred in all the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 207.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 73 :

To be entitled an act in relation to the record of deeds, mortgages and other instruments in writing ;

Also,

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 119 :

To be entitled an act to legalize conveyances of real estate in the State of Florida heretofore or hereafter executed in other States and Territories of the United States in accordance with the laws of such other States and Territories.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 73, also Substitute for Senate Bill No. 119 were ordered enrolled.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives herewith returns to the Senate at their request House Bill No. 274.

Very respectfully,

B. M. MILAM,

Clerk Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Memorial No. 24 :

Asking Congress for the establishment of a mail route from Bonifay Postoffice, in Holmes county, to Warrick, in the State of Alabama ;

Also,

Substitute for House Bill No. 269 :  
A bill to be entitled an act in relation to defendants making statements in criminal prosecutions, and the effect thereof,

And respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate therein

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 297 :

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Construction Company,

And respectfully ask the Senate to concur therein ;

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Substitute for House Bill No. 259 :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the fixing of sentences in criminal cases,

And respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 192 :

To be entitled an act to legalize the action of counties in the State of Florida and to authorize a special tax.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 192 was ordered enrolled.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 300:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the discovery and record of births and deaths in the State of Florida, and to provide for the expense and enforcement thereof;

And respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 181:

To be entitled an act to establish and maintain a State prison and to provide for the employment of persons convicted of crime and sentenced to the State prison, and for the custody, maintenance and discipline of such prisoners, and for other things.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 181 was ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to

inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 179:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to issuing marriage licenses and the record thereof, approved May 27, 1887.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 179 was ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to pass—

Senate Bill No. 146:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the relief of certain members of the Gainesville Guards,

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 146 was ordered enrolled.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Concurrent Resolution relative to consideration of Senate and House bills to take effect at 3 o'clock P. M. to-day.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 55:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Banana Creek Improvement Canal and Transit Company.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 257 :

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Agnes C. Weed ;

Also,

House Memorial No. 23 :

To Congress for a mail route from Crystal river to Bronson,

And respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to

inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 205 :

To be entitled an act to fix the times for holding the fall terms for the Sixth Circuit ;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 208 :

To be entitled an act to fix the boundary lines of the town of Jasper, and to legalize the same and to provide for contracting and extending the limits of the same.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 205 and Senate Bill No. 208 were ordered enrolled.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 215 :

To be entitled an act to appropriate five thousand three hundred and sixty-five dollars for the use of the Florida Institute for Deaf and the Blind.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 215 was ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has indefinitely postponed—

Senate Concurrent Resolution 257 :

Relative to additional compensation of Secretary C. A. Finley.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 138,

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Baylen Street Wharf Company, and to confer powers thereon.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 138 was ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 219 :

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Live Oak, in the county of Suwannee, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Live Oak valid and of full force and effect.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 219 was ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 187 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the eighth section of an act to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the creation of corporations, and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities, re-enact and amend the section repealed by said act, approved March 11, 1879,

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 187 was ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate :*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 166 :

To be entitled an act to provide for the sale, redemption, cancelation and settlement of lands sold to the State for taxes, and authorizing the Comptroller to refund the amount paid for the certificates upon lands when the assessment was double or taxes paid.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 166 was ordered enrolled.

Also the following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to pass—

Senate Bill No. 130:

An act relating to Court Commissioners.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Memorial No. 253:

To the Congress of the United States for the construction of a breakwater at the cove of Cape Canaveral, south of Cape Canaveral lighthouse.

Very respectfully,

E. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And Senate Memorial No. 253 to Congress was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Hammond was called to the chair.

Mr. Parkhill presented President Wall, on behalf of the Senators, with a watch charm in an eloquent and appropriate address.

President Wall, in acceptance of the token of esteem, replied as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE: When, at the opening of the session, you paid me the high compliment of selecting me as your presiding officer, it was with no inconsiderable distrust of my ability to satisfactorily discharge the important functions of the office that I accepted the trust. I did so, however, with a fixed resolve to perform those duties, in so far as in me lay, honestly, fairly and impartially. That resolve, I

have endeavored to keep in constant view during the session, and at its close I accept this souvenir of your esteem in the same spirit in which it is tendered, promising to cherish it during life, and to transmit it to my children's children at my death, not as a remembrance that their father once had the distinguishing honor of presiding over the Florida Senate, but as an evidence that he was so fortunate as to win and retain, during his incumbency, the confidence and regard of his brother Senators.

To each member of this Chamber I desire to return my heartfelt appreciation of the patience with which you have received my rulings, the kind consideration which you have extended toward my shortcomings, and the valuable aid which you have rendered me in the discharge of my duties. The prediction which I made at the opening of the session, that our labors would be characterized by harmony and good will, has been more than verified, and I feel assured that each of you has received, and will receive from his constituents the need of reward, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Trusting that by the blessing of Providence we may all meet here again two years from now, I once more return to you my thanks for your kind and courteous treatment.

Secretary Finley, representing the attaches, presented the President with a gold pen and pencil as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: It is in that moment when those endeared to each other by association prepare to speak the parting word—the sad farewell—that the heart rises to the fullest appreciation of the merits of, and the esteem for, those from whom we are about to part—that the camera turns with its most powerful lens upon the pleasures of the association which is about to end, and upon the virtues of those from whom we are about to separate. In this moment, Mr. President, when but a short while intervenes between the present and the fall of your gavel, which will disperse us to our various homes in every portion of our sunny Florida, we, your sub-co-laborers in the service of our State, the attaches of the Senate approach you with that warm regard and appreciative love with which you, by your uniform consideration and courtesy, have inspired us, to tender you a slight token of our appreciation of you as an officer, as a statesman, and as an individual. Please accept this gold pen from us, and though the intrinsic value of the gift be but slight, yet we beg you to cherish it from the fact that it reflects the pure metal of the affection we hold for you in our hearts. Cherish it, even as we shall cherish the remembrance of a truly happy service, under the kindest and most courteous of officers. We part to-night, Mr. President, but our hearts go with you, will be with you in the days of

the future and will rejoice when our State shall give you ampler recognition of your merit than she does at present.

To which the President responded as follows :

MR. SECRETARY: Permit me to return to you, and through you to the other officers of the Senate, my grateful acknowledgement of this beautiful token of your esteem. I take pride and pleasure in certifying to the zeal and fidelity with which the attaches of the Senate of 1889 have, one and all, performed the extraordinary labors attendant upon their respective stations, and in assuring them of my cordial assistance and support in the future.

Mr. Yancey, on behalf of the Senators in a speech glowing in eloquence and replete with feeling, presented President *pro tem*. Kirk with a handsome French mantel clock.

To which Mr. Kirk responded as follows :

*Mr. President, Senators and Friends.*

In accepting this clock, most beautiful, a further tribute of your generosity and esteem—already having been so highly honored by this Senate—my command of language is utterly inadequate to express the deep emotions of my heart or my profound thanks and sincere appreciation of this, to me, priceless gift. Whenever this clock shall strike the hour of midnight, it will in memory bring me back to this Senate chamber and I will see each manly form, each bright, intelligent face as I behold them now; I will be made happy to ponder in sweet, loving memory the many words of kindness and the generosity and magnanimity that I have at all times received at your hands.

Thus remembering, I shall constantly endeavor by my walk in life, both private and public, to continue to enjoy your love and esteem, which this beautiful present gives assurance to the world I now have; but the consciousness of which possession has long been to me as a wellspring of joy. You have won my whole heart.

Again, with thanks I close my remarks by invoking Divine blessings on each of you, and expressing the wish that you may reach your homes in safety.

Mr. Parkhill moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the Senate will adjourn *sine die* at 12 M. to-night;

Which was agreed to,

And Messrs. Parkhill, Schumacher and Crosby were appointed on said committee.

The Committee appointed to wait upon the Governor ap-

peared at the bar of the Senate and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the Governor desired to express to the Senators his high esteem for them individually and collectively, and to bid them an earnest God speed upon the close of their labors, and upon their journey home.

Mr. Swearingen moved that a committee be appointed to wait upon Senator William R. Coulter and request him, as the oldest Senator, to address the Senate;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Swearingen and Crosby were appointed said committee.

At 11:58 o'clock P. M. Mr. Rogers moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the House of Representatives and inform them that the Senate was ready to adjourn *sine die*;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Rogers, Rosborough and Schumacher were appointed said committee.

Parting speeches were indulged in by the Senators.

Mr. Hammond, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 147:

A bill to be entitled an act to make the owners of any ship, brig, sloop or other vessel responsible in damages for the killing of cattle, and to provide for a writ of attachment in such cases;

Beg leave to report the same back without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

E. M. HAMMOND,

Chairman Committee.

Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 255,

Respectfully report the same back without action.

Very respectfully,

R. F. ROGERS,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Rosborough, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 249:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the loss of records and documents left in the Capitol,

Have examined the same and make a favorable report.

Very respectfully,

J. A. ROSBOROUGH,

Chairman Committee.

The hour of 12 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the President sounded the gavel and declared the Senate of the regular session of the Legislature of 1889 adjourned *sine die*.

The following should have appeared as the conclusion of Representative Jones's testimony in minority report by Senator Pirrong, of the Committee on Public Lands, appointed under Senate Joint Resolution No. 21, submitted at the afternoon session of the Senate on May 28th:

Question by Senator Hardee—When were these lands selected by the State?

Answer—In 1854, by Randolph. Col. Henderson told me it was his opinion that I could enter eighty acres of these lands at twenty-five cents per acre to actual settlers.

[The above question and answer should have been inserted, as a correction, after line three, on page 827, of this Journal.]

## REPORT

OF JOINT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE RECORDS  
AND ACCOUNTS OF THE LAND OFFICE.

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 31, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee appointed under Joint Resolution No. 4 to investigate the affairs of the Land Department of the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Florida, having thoroughly examined and investigated the books and records and affairs of the said Land Department in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, beg leave to submit the following report:

That under the land grant act of Congress of the United States, approved September 28th, A. D. 1850, there has been patented to the State of Florida from the United States Government in swamp and overflowed lands 16,004,198.75-100 acres, to be applied for purposes of internal improvement by said act.

We find that in pursuance of an act of January 6th, 1855, Laws of Florida, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, created by said act, have disposed of lands from this Fund to the amount of 13,085,941.54-100 acres in execution of the trust provided for by said act, as appears from the official report of the Commissioner of Lands and Immigration for the years 1885 and 1886.

We further find that from this Fund there was sold during the years 1886 and 1887 to various persons 21,422 58-100 acres of land for the sum of \$19,626.28-100, as will more fully appear by reference to Exhibits "A" and "B," which is made a part hereof.

In the above sales we find that no money was received for 6,252.11-100 acres, which was conveyed to John A. Henderson in settlement of his claim for \$5,511 97-100 for services rendered as agent of the State for selecting swamp lands.

In the Department of Internal Improvement Lands proper, we find that there was on hand January 1st, 1887, 157,279 22-100 acres, and from this amount there was sold in the year 1887, 2,503 85-100 acres for \$5,647 48-100, as will appear by reference to exhibit "C," herewith attached; and there was sold during the year 1888, 5,173 72-100 acres for \$8,876 46-100, as will appear by reference to exhibit "D," herewith attached, leaving a balance of 140,601 65-100 acres on hand.

We further find that in the Department of School Land there was on hand to be administered of January 1st, 1887, 460,108 15-100 acres, and of this there was sold during the year 1887, 9,994 44-100 acres for \$12,505 18-100, as will appear by reference to exhibit "E," made a part hereof; and during the year 1888 there was sold 10,701 83-100 acres for \$13,516 83-100, as will appear by reference to exhibit "F," made a part hereof, leaving a balance of 439,411 88-100 acres yet to be disposed of.

We further find in the Department of Seminary Lands that there was on hand January 1st, 1887, 30,767 25-100 acres, and from this fund there was sold during the year 1887, 79 97-100 acres for \$99 96-100; and during the year 1888 there was sold 369 91-100 acres for \$1,249 25-100, as will appear by reference to exhibit "G," made a part hereof.

We further find that during the years 1887 and 1888 there has been granted to railroads by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, 791,935 87-100 acres of land as will more fully appear by reference to exhibit marked "H" and numbered from "1" to "2" inclusive, and that there has been issued to the following named railroads certificates for unpatented swamp lands to become conveyances when patented to the State:

1888.	
Florida Southern R. R. Co.....	148,614.81
Pensacola and Atlantic.....	777,379.64
Palatka and Indian River R. R. Co.....	134,400.00
	1,060,394.00

Under the special charters granted to railroads we find the following number of acres claimed to be still due the following railroads:

Pensacola and Atlantic R. R., (balance due).....	1,118,952.57
Palatka and Indian River R. R.....	133,382.65
Florida Southern.....	302,255.57
Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West R. R.....	180,158.76
Silver Springs, Ocala and Gulf R. R.....	347,715.56
	2,082,465.11

The aggregate amount of lands for which deeds of conveyances have been issued to the foregoing railroads is 791,935 87-100 acres.

The aggregate amount of lands for which certificates have been issued for unpatented lands and to be conveyances when patented to the railroads is 1,060,394 45-100 acres, making a total deeded and to be deeded, 1,852,330 32-100 acres.

THE ATLANTIC AND GULF COAST CANAL AND OKEECHOBEE LAND COMPANY.

Upon the examination of the minutes of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, we find that on the 26th day of February, 1881, what was known as the drainage contract was entered into between Hamilton Disston *et al.*, of the one part, and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the other part, for the reclamation of large bodies of swamp and overflowed lands, belonging to the State of Florida and to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the words and figures following, to-wit: The said Disston and others, party of the first part, undertook to drain and reclaim by drainage all overflowed lands in the State of Florida practicable, and lying south of township twenty-three and east of Peace Creek, belonging to the State of Florida or said Internal Improvement Funds, now subject to overflow by Lake Okeechobee, the Kissimmee river and its branches, and the lakes contiguous to said river whose waters now flow into said river, or into Lake Okeechobee or into the Caloosahatchee river or Miami river or outlets, by cuts or canals, including both those already patented as well as those which may hereafter be patented to said State by the United States, the said lands to be reclaimed and drained and rendered fit for cultivation by permanently lowering and keeping reduced the waters of Lake Okeechobee, and thereby permanently lowering and keeping reduced the high water level of said river, and by thus lowering the waters of said lake creating an increased current in said river and by the increased current thus created causing the bed of said river to cut or wash out; and by these means by cutting off bends in said river to further increase the current of said river and permanently confine the waterflow of said river within its natural banks, and thereby effectually and permanently prevent the overflow of its banks, it being understood and agreed that the drainage reductions or lowering of the waters of Lake Okeechobee may be made by a series of canals or cuts from the waters of said lake to the Caloosahatchee river on the west, and by cuts or canals from said lake eastwardly to the waters of the St. Lucie or other available points; and also by cuts or canals southwardly to some stream or streams through the everglades to the Miami river, and to any small streams leading or rising in the everglades.

As will more fully appear by reference to exhibit "A," made a part hereof.

The parties of the first part further agree that they will, within ten days from the execution and delivery of these presents, deposit with B. C. Lewis & Sons, bankers, at Tallahassee, the

sum of five thousand dollars, to be held by them subject to the joint order of Hamilton Disston, on the part of the parties of the first part, and the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, on the part of the second part, to be forfeited to the parties of the second part absolutely if the said parties of the first part shall fail to perform the covenants herein, or any part of them.

As will appear by reference to exhibit "B," pages 92 and 93, report of the Secretary of Board of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund for year 1882.

The parties of the second part, for themselves and their successors in office, do agree and bind themselves and their successors in the administration of said trust, that they will, and their successors shall, pay, give, grant, transfer and deed the alternate section of land belonging to the State, or to their Fund (not including school lands), now patented or that may be hereafter acquired, within the limit of this contract, which may be reclaimed, and thus rendered fit for cultivation, such lands to be conveyed in such quantities and at such times as may be justified by the progress of the work, and which is equitable and just to the said parties hereto, it being mutually agreed that the policy of the Board of Trustees will at all times be such as not to pay in excess of work done, and yet to such an extent and at such times as will facilitate and aid the faithful performance of the covenant of the parties of the first part; *Provided, however,* That no lands or compensation shall be conveyed or payable to said parties of the first part until some considerable quantity of lands, not less than two hundred thousand acres, shall have been reclaimed.

As will appear by reference to exhibit "C," page 93, report of Secretary Board of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund for year 1882.

The committee further report that the following modification of the original article of agreement was adopted by the Board of Trustees, to-wit: That the words "twenty-three," in the first clause of said contract shall be read and construed as "twenty-four."

And it was further agreed that of the parties of the first part and such persons as they may associate with them, shall be incorporated under the laws of this State, then the body corporate so incorporated may take the place of said parties of the first part and be entitled to all the rights and powers and shall be subject to all the obligations, covenants and conditions of this contract; it was also further agreed that after the permanent reclamation of two hundred thousand acres of land and the approval thereof the parties of the second part or their successors, parties of the first part shall have the right to with-

draw the five thousand dollars; it was further agreed that the deposit of five thousand dollars may be made with the Treasurer of the State as such treasurer, instead of with B. C. Lewis & Sons.

As will more fully appear by reference to "D," page 95, Report of Board of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund for year 1882. Also reference to "E," "F," "G."

And your committee further report that on September the first, 1881, the name of the drainage company was changed by consent of the Board of Trustees from Hamilton Disston and others to the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company. See page 96, *Ibid*.

Your committee further reports that a proposition was received by the Board of Trustees asking that the money of forfeits of five thousand dollars be restored to the drainage company. Page 97, *Ibid*.

And that on February 28th the said five thousand dollars forfeit was reported to the drainage company upon the following obligation being executed and delivered to said board, which is in the following words, to-wit:

"The Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company, a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, for a valuable consideration hereby promises to Henry A. L'Engle, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the sum of five thousand dollars on the happening of the conditions hereinafter mentioned, this note shall become due and payable only in the event of the failure of said company to reclaim two hundred thousand acres of land from overflow in accordance with the terms of a contract made between said Board of Trustees of the one part and Hamilton Disston and others of the other part, and which said Disston and others have assigned and transferred to said corporation.

(Signed)

S. H. GRAY, [L. S.]  
President.

Attest:

WILLIAM CULBERTSON, Secretary.

Endorsed:

HAMILTON DISSTON."

Page 98, *Ibid*.

And your committee further report that on March 16th, 1882, that Silas L. Niblack was appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to make an examination of the swamp and overflowed lands, which are embraced in the said drainage contract, and upon the same date it was agreed by the Board of Trustees and drainage company that in the division of the land reclaimed the Trustees take the even num-

bered sections and the said company take the odd numbered sections in each township. Pages 99, 100, 101, Ibid.

Your committee further reports that on June 27th, 1882, Silas L. Niblack made the following accompanying report marked Exhibit "H." Page 101, Ibid.

And your committee further report that on July 20th, 1882, at the instance of J. M. Kreamer, engineer of the drainage company, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Board made an advance to said drainage company of 150,000 acres of land in the drainage district. Page 105, Ibid.

On November 20th, 1882, a modification of the foregoing order was made by the Board of Trustees. Pages 106, 107, Ibid.

Your Committee further find that James M. Dancy, a Civil Engineer, who had been selected by the Board of Trustees to examine and report upon lands which had been reclaimed by the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company, reported, in substance, as follows: that he had carefully examined by land and water the northern portion of the drainage district and found, through the operations of the drainage company, that there had been large bodies of land reclaimed and reported in an appendix attached in townships inspected by him there had been reclaimed five hundred and twenty-five thousand, two hundred and eighty-five, (535,285) by reference to his report on pages 17 to 20 inclusive, in report of Secretary Board of Trustees for the Internal Improvement Fund for 1883 and 1884, and that on September 22, 1883, Mr. Dancy made a supplementary report, adding three more townships to his first report as having been reclaimed, page 22, Ibid.

Your Committee further reports that on the 20th December, 1884, David L. Dunham, who had been appointed special agent by the Board to examine the said drainage district, made a report to the Board, in substance, sustaining the report made by Mr. Dancy as will more fully appear by his said report, reference thereto being made on page 30, Ibid.

Your Committee herewith submit the report of H. S. Duval, State Engineer, under date of August 18, 1884; page 35, Ibid.

In said report the said drainage company is represented as having reclaimed in the drainage district 2,182,412 27-100 acres.

Your Committee further reports that on November the 26th, 1884, the report of James M. Dancy, who had been appointed to examine the southern division of the drainage district, was submitted to the Board; said report claims 2,182,412 27-100 to have been reclaimed in the drainage district by the said drainage company; see his report, pages 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, Ibid.

Whereupon the Board resolved that the salesman be instructed to prepare deeds for the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company to such of the land embraced in said report as they are entitled to under their contract of drainage, and said salesman did prepare, and the said Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did execute deeds of conveyance to the said Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company for 1,174,943 06-100 acres, as will more fully appear by reference to the proceedings of the Board of November 26th, 1884, on page 44 of the report of Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for 1883 and 1884.

Your Committee beg leave to further report that in 1885 the Legislature of the State of Florida passed the following act, being chapter 3639, Laws of Florida, entitled an act "authorizing" the Governor to appoint a committee to investigate and ascertain what quantity of land, and the number of acres, the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company has reclaimed for the State and other purposes.

In pursuance of said act, E. A. Perry, the Governor of the State of Florida, on the 17th day of November, 1885, appointed as such committee, Jaquelin Daniel, W. H. Davidson and John Bradford, who at once undertook to discharge the duties imposed by said act, and they, after having personally examined and inspected the entire country embraced within the said drainage district, made a formal report as the result of their labors to the Governor on February 4th, 1887, the substance of said report being that but little, at that time, had been accomplished in reclaiming overflowed land by the said Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company, and that, at most, there had been reclaimed only 80,000 acres, as will more fully appear by the report of the Commissioners appointed by the Governor, and marked exhibit "I," and made a part hereof.

Your committee further report, that on the 25th day of March, 1887, the Governor laid before the Board the accompanying letter from Hamilton Disston, respecting the Okeechobee drainage. (See pages 6 and 7, report of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Board, which is made a part hereof.)

And upon the same date the Board took action on the said letter of Hamilton Disston, by resolution requested that his company reconvey to the Board of Trustees all lands heretofore conveyed by such Trustees of said company which lie without the district or locality reported by said commission as drained. (See proceedings of Board, page 8, reports of Secretary Board of Trustees for Internal Improvement Fund for 1887 and 1888).

Your committee further report, that on the 2d of June, 1887, the act of the Legislature, chapter No. 3788, Laws of Florida, was approved by the Governor, and that said act fully authorizes and empowered the Trustees to make any settlement, arrangement or compromise as they may deem best to protect the interest of the State and the Fund, as well as the prompt and vigorous prosecution of the work of drainage and reclamation.

And your committee further report, that on August the 18th, 1887, the Board of Trustees again requested the drainage company to reconvey to the Board the lands not earned by their drainage operations, and which had been conveyed to them. (See pages 17 and 18, report of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund).

And your committee further report, that on July the 11th, 1883, Hamilton Disston, President of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company, met the Trustees to consider matters pertaining to the drainage contract made with the Board of Trustees February 26th, 1881, and they came to an agreement with said company in regard to the drainage of lands under the contract referred to, and made further arrangements as to the mode and condition upon which future drainage operations were to be conducted, which agreement was formulated and submitted by the Attorney-General on August 17th, 1888, as the draft of a contract between the Trustees and the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company, as amended and agreed upon between the parties and which was then and there duly executed by the Trustees, which in substance is as follows:

First. The deeds to the lands already conveyed were not surrendered, but continued to be held by the drainage company.

Second. As a compromise for the lands conveyed heretofore to the drainage company, said company agreed to expend in drainage and reclamation the sum of \$125,000, less the money expended by said company in drainage and reclamation since the report of the Commissioner appointed by the Governor, which is estimated up to July the first, 1888, at \$55,000, leaving a balance of \$70,000, of which \$40,000 is to be expended in twelve months from the date of the execution of this contract of adjustment, and the balance to be expended within two years from date thereof in drainage operations.

Third. The drainage company also agreed to make further additional expenditures in drainage operations to the amount of \$206,264, of which amount there should annually be expended, \$40,000 until the total amount of said \$206,264 shall have been expended, and such expenditure shall entitle said drainage company to one acre of land for every twenty-five cents so expended,

from lands to be reclaimed by said drainage company and reserved by the said Trustees for such purpose, in addition to the lands already heretofore conveyed to the said drainage company by said Trustees, said lands to be selected by said company in a body as near as may be of alternate sections from lands held in reserve for it, which it is estimated will, with the lands previously conveyed to said company make a total of 2,000,000 acres, as will fully appear by reference to pages 32, 34, 35, 36 and 37 of reports of Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the years 1887 and 1888.

Your Committee further report that the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company, in the opinion of the Trustees, having fulfilled the conditions for which the bond and note for five thousand dollars was given, said note and bond were surrendered to said Company by the Trustees December 1st, 1883; and as to the 150,000 acres of land advanced to the Company by the Trustees, we find that the land was subsequently deducted from lands to which the Company were entitled according to the reports of H. S. Duval, State Engineer, and J. M. Dancy, agent of the State under their contract; and we find that on April 25th, 1889, the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company executed a bond with two (Hamilton Disston and J. J. Dunne).

Your Committee further show that the minutes of the Trustees show that the said Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company did not expend the said \$40,000 as agreed during last year, owing, as stated by said Company, to the prevalence of the yellow fever in Florida, but have agreed with the Trustees to make up the deficit in the expenditure for the present year.

Your Committee make further report that the Trustees have authorized the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company to expend out of the money provided for by the agreement of August, 1888, an amount not to exceed \$25,000, in digging a canal from Lake Tahoekekaliga to the St. Johns river, which will have a fall of fourteen feet, and prevent an excessive overflow of the canal already constructed, and the lands adjacent to the lakes and along the Kissimmee river.

Your committee further show that the minutes of the Trustees show that the said Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company did not expend the said \$40,000, as agreed, during the last year, owing, as stated by the company, to the prevalence of yellow fever in Florida, but have agreed with the Trustees to make up the deficit in the expenditures for the present year.

Your committee make further report that the Trustees have authorized the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company to expend out of the money provided for by the agreement of August, 1888, an amount not exceeding \$25,000 in digging a canal from Lake Tohopekaliga to the St. Johns river, which will have a fall of fourteen feet and will prevent an excessive overflow of the canals already constructed and the lands adjacent to the lakes along the Kissimmee river.

The act of the Legislature of 1887, chapter 3788, Laws of Florida, heretofore referred to, and under which the compromise and agreement was made by and between the Trustees and the Atlantic, Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company in August, 1888, reads as follows:

That section (5) five of an act entitled an act authorizing the Governor to appoint a committee to investigate and ascertain what quantity of land and the number of acres the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company has reclaimed for the State, and for other purposes, approved February 16, 1885, be amended so as to read as follows: If from the report of the committee it is found that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have conveyed to the said Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company, or to any (person) on its account, lands that they have not earned or reclaimed, that the said Trustees be authorized and fully empowered to take such steps as they may deem necessary to recover such lands, or any portion thereof; *Provided*, An amicable adjustment of all differences relating thereto cannot be had otherwise between said company and said Trustees, and said Trustees are hereby fully authorized and empowered to make such settlement, arrangement, contract or compromise in reference thereto, either with or without suit, as they may deem best to secure and protect the interest of the State and Fund as well as the prompt and vigorous prosecution of the work of drainage and reclamation.

Your Committee further find that there was originally reserved for said Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company about six million acres of land; but it will be seen by the compromise agreement made in August, 1888, under an act of 1887, that the full limit of land that the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company can receive, including the lands already deeded under the contract of drainage, is fixed at two million acres, and that four million acres of the land heretofore reserved for said company have been released and restored to market.

Your Committee find that the Trustees of the Internal Im-

provement Fund of the State of Florida were and are of the following members during the years named:

From January, 1880, to January, 1885:

William D. Bloxham, Governor.

Henry A. L'Engle, Treasurer.

George P. Raney, Attorney-General.

William D. Barnes, Comptroller.

P. W. White, Commissioner of Lands and Immigration.

From January, 1885, to January, 1889:

Edward A. Perry, Governor.

Edward S. Crill, Treasurer.

William D. Barnes, Comptroller.

Charles M. Cooper, Attorney-General.

C. L. Mitchell, Commissioner of Lands and Immigration.

From January, 1889, to January, 1893:

Francis P. Fleming, Governor.

Frank J. Pons, Treasurer.

William D. Barnes, Comptroller.

J. B. Wombwell, Commissioner Lands and Immigration.

In conclusion your committee respectfully report that from the foregoing testimony, together with reliable oral testimony given before the committee, they are disposed to place much confidence in the correctness of the report of the Commission appointed by the Governor, under the act of the Legislature of 1885, "to make an examination of the number of acres that had been reclaimed by the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company," as the findings of said Commission have not been denied, but tacitly admitted to be true by subsequent acts by the said drainage company.

Your committee submits that it is manifest that under the original contract of February 26, 1881, between the drainage company and the said Trustees, that the said Trustees have been misled and apparently imposed upon whereby the Internal Improvement Fund has been deprived of 1,174,943.06 acres of land, in the opinion of your committee, without any consideration therefor.

Your committee are of opinion that it is apparent that every stipulation made by the drainage company in the original contract has failed of fulfillment, and the entire contract appears to have been violated and abandoned by said drainage company. And that the contract of compromise of August 17th, 1888, made in lieu of the original contract, has been treated by said drainage company with similar results.

Your committee are of opinion that the act of the Legislature of 1887, authorizing the Trustees to make an adjustment of the differences with the drainage company, was an unwise measure and disastrous to the interests of the State.

And your committee are of opinion from oral testimony ad-  
 duced before them that large bodies of valuable land, which  
 was naturally high and dry and available for agricultural pur-  
 poses, were embraced in the deed of conveyance to the said  
 drainage company as swamp and overflowed land. Such lands  
 should not have been so conveyed, but left subject to entry by  
 the people of the State.

J. A. ROSBOROUGH,  
 Chairman Joint and Senate Committee.  
 W. H. GUNN, JR.,  
 Chairman House Committee.

EXHIBIT "A."  
 SWAMP LANDS.

REPORT OF SALES made by the Trustees of the Internal Im-  
 provement Fund.

1887.	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Dollars.</i>
January	1,768.31	\$1,768.31
February	442.40	442.40
March	3,660.27	2,944.18
April	713.98	683.98
May	960.06	960.06
June	1,504.09	1,447.63
July	652.19	652.19
August	1,973.59	1,973.59
September	210.53	210.53
October	339.55	339.55
November	39.99	39.99
December	317.80	257.84
	12,582.76	\$11,720.25

EXHIBIT "B."  
 SWAMP LANDS.

REPORT OF SALES Made by Trustees of the Internal Improve-  
 ment Fund.

1888.	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Dollars.</i>
January	524.66	\$479.66
February	910.69	761.16
March	276.20	276.20

April	520.49	457.22
May	4,105.12	4,081.07
June	199.93	169.96
July	400.15	400.15
August	640.16	400.16
September	286.46	204.49
October	.....	.....
November	211.70	211.70
December	764.26	764.26
Total	8,839.82	\$8,206.03
Sales for 1887	12,582.76	11,720.25
Totals	21,422.58	\$19,926.28

EXHIBIT "C."

SALES of Internal Improvement Lands Proper by the Trustees  
 of the Internal Improvement Fund.

1887.	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Dollars.</i>
January,	198.92	\$462.61
February,	279.65	559.30
March,	80.25	160.50
April,	893.25	2,290.38
May,	165.25	330.50
June,	40.00	100.00
July,	240.35	480.70
August,	79.86	159.72
September,	199.80	399.60
October,	40.06	80.12
November,	78.22	207.57
December,	208.24	416.48
Total,	2,503.85	\$5,647.48

EXHIBIT "D."

SALES of Internal Improvement Lands Proper by the Trus-  
 tees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

1888.	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Dollars.</i>
January	358.58	\$707.44
February	254.74	509.48
March	3,698.19	5,695.71
April	238.67	520.59
May	78.45	220.15

June . . . . .	149.79	377.74
July . . . . .	40.21	80.42
August . . . . .	159.94	319.88
September . . . . .	39.97	79.49
October . . . . .	40.03	125.09
November . . . . .		
December . . . . .	120.01	240.02
Total . . . . .	5,173.72	\$8,876.46
	2,503.85	5,647.48
Aggregate . . . . .	7,677.57	\$14,523.94

EXHIBIT "E."

SALES OF COMMON SCHOOL LANDS by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

1887.	Acres.	Dollars.
January . . . . .	1,242.90	\$1,555.73
February . . . . .	529.65	662.06
March . . . . .	1,069.14	1,336.42
April . . . . .	925.20	1,666.48
May . . . . .	1,688.13	2,110.17
June . . . . .	1,513.53	1,891.91
July . . . . .	240.79	300.98
August . . . . .	760.29	950.36
September . . . . .	280.16	350.22
October . . . . .	839.55	1,049.47
November . . . . .		
December . . . . .	905.10	1,131.38
	9,994.44	\$12,505.18

EXHIBIT "F."

SALES OF COMMON SCHOOL LANDS by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

1888.	Acres.	Dollars.
January . . . . .	1,360.44	\$1,700.53
February . . . . .	1,079.27	1,349.19
March . . . . .	1,600.14	2,000.17
April . . . . .	441.26	591.68
May . . . . .	3,271.97	4,089.94
June . . . . .	480.12	600.15
July . . . . .	680.00	850.00
August . . . . .	1,268.69	1,685.25

September . . . . .	319.66	399.57
October . . . . .	80.00	100.00
November . . . . .	120.28	150.35
December . . . . .		
	10,701.83	\$13,516.83

EXHIBIT "G."

SALES OF SEMINARY LANDS by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

1887-1888.	Acres.	Dollars.	Acres.	Dollars.
January . . . . .			40.00	\$ 50.00
February . . . . .			40.00	50.00
March . . . . .			40.01	200.05
April . . . . .			149.41	298.53
May . . . . .			40.00	200.00
June . . . . .				
July . . . . .				
August . . . . .			160.25	200.31
September . . . . .			40.02	50.03
October . . . . .			160.22	200.28
November . . . . .	79.97	\$99.96		
December . . . . .				
	79.97	\$99.96	\$669.91	\$1,249.25

EXHIBIT "H."

RECAPITULATION OF SWAMP LANDS.

Statement of Disposition of Internal Improvement Lands by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the Years 1887 and 1888.

No. 1.

	Acres.	Dollars.
Deeded to the Florida Southern Railroad . . . . .	182,394.43	
Certificates for lands to be patented, not yet patented to the State by United States . . . . .	148,614.81	
Total . . . . .	331,009.24	

No. 2.

Deeded to the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad . . . . .	133,537.07
Certificates for lands to be patented, not yet patented to the State by the United States . . . . .	777,379.64
Total . . . . .	910,916.71

No. 3.

Deeded to the Palatka and Indian River Railroad . . . . .	152,217.35
Certificates for lands to be patented, not yet patented to the State by the United States . . . . .	134,400.00
Total . . . . .	286,617.35

No. 4	Deeded to the Orange Belt Railroad	79,582.17
No. 5	Deeded to the St. Johns and Halifax Railroad	29,017.77
No. 6	Deeded to the Florida Midland Railway Company	10,706.79
No. 7	Deeded to the Blue Spring, Orange City and Atlantic RR	59,128.49
No. 8	Deeded to the Silver Springs, Ocala and Gulf R. R.	140,584.44
No. 9	Deeded to the South Florida Railroad	4,767.36
No. 10	Deeded to Palatka Military Reservation Scrip	2,079.46
No. 11	Deeded John A. Henderson for making selections from United States, and value	6,252.11— \$5,511.97
No. 12	Deeded to sundry persons, cash sales	15,170.47— 14,414.31
Totals		1,875,832.36— \$19,926.28
Total land deeded to the several railroads		791,935.87
Total lands to be patented, not yet patented by United States to the State		1,060,294.45
Total lands to the credit of Palatka Military Reservation Scrip		2,079.46
Total lands deeded to John A. Henderson for making Selections		6,252.11
Total lands deeded to sundry persons for cash sales		15,170.47— \$14,414.31
Total		1,875,832.36

John A. Henderson was paid two cents per acre for making land selections from the United States for the State, two cents per acre to be paid in lands at current prices—hence money does not appear in the final report.

FLORIDA SOUTHERN RAILROAD LANDS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF—

DATE OF ENTRY.	NO OF DEED.	NAME OF PURCHASER.	COUNTIES.	ACRES.
Jan 14, 1887	13572	Florida Southern R R	Polk.....	4,466.93
Jan 31, 1887	13581	Florida Southern R R	Polk.....	280.03
May 25, 1887	13622	Florida Southern R R	Polk.....	80.10
July 7, 1887	13648	Florida Southern R R	DeSoto.....	599.10
July 21, 1887	13656	Florida Southern R R	DeSoto.....	61,985.67
Oct 25, 1887	13688	Florida Southern R R	Polk.....	509.36
June 19, 1888	13774	Florida Southern R R	Polk.....	214.42
June 22, 1888	13775	Florida Southern R R	Polk, Certificate.....	1,679.73
June 22, 1888	13776	Florida Southern R R	Alachua, Certificate....	1,657.40
June 22, 1888	13777	Florida Southern R R	Marion, Certificate....	92,671.79
June 22, 1888	13778	Florida Southern R R	Columbia, Certificate....	11,757.36
June 22, 1888	13779	Florida Southern R R	Polk, Certificate.....	4,244.12
June 22, 1888	13780	Florida Southern R R	DeSoto, Certificate....	36,604.41
Dec 31, 1888	13832	Florida Southern R R	Lee.....	114,258.32
				331,009.24

PENSACOLA AND ATLANTIC RAILROAD COMPANY LANDS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF—

DATE OF ENTRY.	NO. OF DEED.	NAME OF PURCHASER.	ACRES.
April 12, 1888	13,757	Pensacola & Atlantic Railroad	617.06
Dec 31, 1888	13,836	Pensacola & Atlantic Railroad	132,920.01
Oct 4, 1888	13,816	Pensacola & Atlantic Railroad	Certificate, 415,748.65
Dec 31, 1888	13,835½	Pensacola & Atlantic Railroad	Certificate, 361,630.99
			910,916.71

PALATKA AND INDIAN RIVER RAILWAY COMPANY LANDS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF—

DATE OF ENTRY.	NO. OF DEED.	ACRES.
December 31, 1888	13,834	152,217.35
December 31, 1888	13,835	Certificate, 134,409.00
		286,617.35

ORANGE BELT RAILWAY COMPANY LANDS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF—

DATE OF ENTRY.	NO. OF DEED.	NAME OF PURCHASER.	ACRES.
June 18, 1888	13,772	Orange Belt Railroad.....	54,674.56
June 18, 1888	13,773	Orange Belt Railroad.....	11,888.73
Aug 17, 1888	13,797	Orange Belt Railroad.....	818.23
Aug 17, 1888	13,798	Orange Belt Railroad.....	12,200.65
			79,582.17

ST. JOHNS AND HALIFAX RIVER RAILWAY LANDS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF—

DATE OF ENTRY.	NO. OF DEED.	NAME OF PURCHASER.	ACRES
July 6, 1887.....	13,646	St. Johns and Halifax Railway..	29,017.77

FLORIDA MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY LAND LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF—

DATE OF ENTRY.	NO OF DEED.	NAME OF PURCHASER.	ACRES
July 1, 1887.....	13,644	Florida Midland Railway.....	10,706.79

BLUE SPRING ORANGE CITY AND ATLANTIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
LANDS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF--

DATE OF ENTRY.	NO. OF DEED.	NAME OF PURCHASER.	ACRES
July 9, 1887.....	13,649	Blue Sp'g, Or'ge C'y & Atl'tic R'y	59,128.49

SILVER SPRING, OCALA AND GULF RAILROAD COMPANY LAND  
LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF--

DATE OF ENTRY.	NO. OF DEED.	NAME OF PURCHASER.	ACRES
March 30, 1887...	13,748	S. S., O. & Gulf Railroad.....	28,163.09
October 2, 1888..	13,815	S. S., O. & Gulf Railroad.....	10,122.42
Dec. 31, 1888....	13,841	S. S., O. & Gulf Railroad.....	102,298.93
			140,584.44

SOUTH FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY LAND LOCATED IN THE  
COUNTY OF--

DATE OF ENTRY.	NO. OF DEED.	NAME OF PURCHASER.	ACRES
June 28, 1888....	13,782	South Florida Railroad.....	4,527.36
Dec. 17, 1888....		South Florida Railroad.....	240.00
			4,767.36

REPORT OF SPECIAL INDEMNITY PALATKA MILITARY RESERVA-  
TION SCRIP, LOCATED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL  
IMPRONEMENT FUND IN 1887 AND 1888.

DATE OF ENTRY.	NO. OF DEED.	NAME OF PURCHASER.	ACRES.
Nov. 14, 1887.....	13,594	Sidney I. Wales.....	1,291.13
Nov. 26, 1887.....	13,692	Sidney I. Wales.....	39.50
" " ".....	13,693	Sidney I. Wales.....	19.95
" " ".....	13,694	Sidney I. Wales.....	11.08
March 9, 1888.....	13,739	George G. McWhorter.....	245.36
" " ".....	13,740	George G. McWhorter.....	59.97
" " ".....	13,741	George G. McWhorter.....	43.00
" " ".....	13,742	George G. McWhorter.....	18.19
" " ".....	13,743	George G. McWhorter.....	40.00
August 15, 1888....	13,791	George G. McWhorter.....	197.41
" " ".....	1,372	George G. McWhorter.....	115.90
			2,079.46

REPORT OF AWARD OF LANDS TO JOHN A. HENDERSON FOR SE-  
LECTING LANDS FROM THE UNITED STATES AT TWO CENTS  
PER ACRE BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVE-  
MENT FUND IN 1887 AND 1888.

1887	PARTS OF SECTION.	ACRES.	DOLS.
March 9th.....	No. 13,592, to J. A. Henderson.....	2,386.95	\$1,670.86
May 15th.....	No. 13,763, to J. A. Henderson.....	80.16	56.11
May 15th.....	No. 13,763, to J. A. Henderson.....	3,785.00	3,785.00
		6,252.11	\$5,511.97

REPORT OF CASH SALES of Swamp Lands Sold by the Trus-  
tees of the Internal Improvement Fund in 1887 and '88.

1887.	Acres.	Dollars.
January.....	1,768.31	\$1,768.31
February.....	442.40	442.40
March.....	1,273.32	1,273.32
April.....	713.98	683.98
May.....	960.06	960.06
June.....	1,504.09	1,447.63
July.....	652.19	652.19
August.....	1,973.59	1,973.59
September.....	210.53	210.53
October.....	339.55	339.55
November.....	39.99	39.99
December.....	317.80	257.84

10,195.81 \$10,049.39

1888.	Acres.	Dollars.
January.....	424.66	\$479.66
February.....	910.69	761.16
March.....	276.20	276.20
April.....	520.49	457.22
May.....	239.96	230.96
June.....	199.93	169.96
July.....	400.15	400.15
August.....	640.16	400.16
September.....	286.46	204.49
October.....	000.00	000.00
November.....	211.70	211.70
December.....	764.26	764.26

4,974.66 \$4,364.92