

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1893.

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. Baya, Blich, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, Myers, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Myers, Perrenot, Reeves, Rosborough, St. Clair Abrams, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson, Wolfe—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal was approved.

On motion of Mr. Reeves Mr. Grady was excused until Monday.

On motion of Mr. Genovar Mr. Morrow was excused on account of sickness.

Introduction of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

By Mr. Thomas:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18;

Which was read as follows:

Whereas, The benefit to accrue to the State of Florida and to the Union by the construction of the Nicaragua canal and the opening of a marine highway between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, require the early completion of said canal,

And whereas, It being impracticable to obtain a sufficiency of capital from private investors, and the present and future commerce of the State of Florida and of the United States rendering the measure one of national importance and necessity and calling for immediate action, be it therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida now in session, that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and are hereby requested to employ all their efforts to have Congress enact such laws as will bring about the early construction of the Nicaragua canal alone and exclusively by the government of the United States.

Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of State is hereby requested to send each of said Senators and Representatives from Florida in Congress a certified copy of these resolutions.

Laid over under the rules.

By request, Mr. Summers introduced—

Senate Memorial No. 4:

Which was read as follows:

A memorial to the Legislature of the State of Florida from the Colored State Teachers' Association in relation to House Bill No. 28.

We, the teachers of colored schools of the public school system of Florida, in convention assembled at Ocala, April 13th, 1893, do hereby memorialize your honorable body in relation to a measure which is now before you, known as House Bill No. 28: "To be entitled an act to apportion the State and county taxes levied and collected for the purpose of common schools in this State;" and which seems to us to be fraught, if enacted into law, with consequences inimical to the good of the future State, and to be based upon principles diametrically opposite to those on which the system of public education really rests.

Public education is not a benefaction. States do not tax themselves for the education of their youth, because education is a blessing to the youth and a direct good to the individuals thus educated. Public schools are not charitable institutions, based upon a philanthropic idea. States are not erected on sentiment, and governments cannot safely contribute to eleemosynary institutions. Hard, practical utility must be the standard of merit in every measure, and the greatest good to the future as well as the present State the object of all true statesmanship. The sole end and aim of popular education is the conservation of the public good. In a government like ours, "of the people and by the people," there can be no safety except in an intelligent, patriotic citizenry. Ignorance in any class is a menace, and helplessness in any element a public charge. There cannot be a healthy growth where there is an important organ indifferent to the exercise of its proper functions or careless of its responsibility. There cannot be the fullest vigor when any of the parts are weak either through disease or malnutrition. It is to contribute to this general health that public schools have been established. It is because an intelligent citizenship is an absolute necessity to the maintenance of free institutions that the State sees to it that its citizens are intelligent. It is not a matter of choice; it is not a case of emotional feeling. The conclusion is irresistible, unavoidable, insurmountable. A free people must be educated. If the destinies of white and black could be separated in this country, if one could suffer without bringing disaster to the other, if one class could be weak, vicious or lawless without entailing labor, ex-

pense and restraint upon the other, then could the white citizen afford to grow careless of the growth of the negro, and the Afro-American could be indifferent to the condition of the Anglo-American. But it is not so; our destinies are indissolubly linked together, and neither race can shake the other off.

Again, the strength of a State lies in the brawny arms of its wealth producers and not in the capacious mouths of its consumers. It matters not whether these consumers be wealthy and cultured, or idle and poor. Wealth, lying idle, is a source of weakness rather than strength, unless converted into products by labor; and the idle hands of the poverty-stricken consumer find speedy occupation in vice or crime. Free labor, to be profitable to employer or employed, must be intelligent labor. The colored people of the South must, by the fiat of God be, for many years, perhaps forever, the laborers of the South; and since experiment has shown that no other class of labor can long withstand the rigors of our semi-tropical sun, the negro must be made intelligent.

In raising the brain power of the blacks, the whites are equally benefited and this is the work of the public school. It is being argued by some that the public schools are not producing the results for which they were designed. This is only measurably true, and is easily explained. With the short school terms and the long vacations, real progress in intellectual attainments is slow at best, and sometimes impossible, owing to illiterate homes and unfavorable surroundings, while organized means for training the hands to work are feeble and few. But because the efforts of the State at present are weak, is it wise to relax even those, when they offer the only hope of a solution? Is it not rather the duty of wise men to make even more strenuous efforts to hand down to posterity a legacy of thrift and productiveness? In view therefore of the fact that a division of the school tax between the races in proportion to the amount paid by each would inevitably result in the closing of a large proportion of the colored schools, and doom the pupils to lives of hopeless ignorance, shiftlessness and irresponsibility, we would most earnestly ask that said bill be not enacted into the statutory law of our hitherto liberal and progressive State.

T. DES. TUCKER,
T. V. GIBBS,
WM. M. ARTRELL,
L. W. CRIVILLIER,
J. W. HOLLEY,
Committee.

Laid over under the rules.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Calhoun:

Senate Bill No. 143:

A bill to be entitled an act to permit accused persons held to bail to deposit a sum of money in cash equal to the amount of bail required in lieu of obtaining personal security and to legalize all deposits heretofore made in such cases.

Mr. Calhoun moved that the rule be waived and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Marks:

Senate Bill No. 144:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to conductors, engineers and firemen on railroads and their employes.

Mr. Marks moved that the rule be waived and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Consideration of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

Senate Memorial No. 3;

Which was read as follows:

Whereas, The aggregate tonnage of vessels entering and departing from the port of Key West, Florida, annually exceeds 600,000; and,

Whereas, There are no range lights for entering either the main ship or the southwest channel of Key West harbor; and,

Whereas, The imperative necessity for the establishment of such range lights has long existed; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to urge upon Congress the impor-

tance and necessity of an appropriation by the General Government for the establishment of a sufficient number of range lights in the harbor of Key West commensurate with the demands of shipping at that port.

Resolved, further, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Florida and the United States Lighthouse Board at Washington a certified copy of this memorial,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Reeves moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution was declared adopted.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 13:

To appoint a joint committee to investigate amount of phosphate being mined in this State and due a royalty subject to a late decision of the Supreme Court,

Was read the first and second times, the rules being waived.

Mr. Summers moved that consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered.

Messages from the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 18, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

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. 24:

To be entitled an act to continue the rights, privileges and grants of the Silver Springs, Ocala and Gulf Railroad Company,

And herewith return the same with the endorsement of the action of the House thereon.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The bill referred to in the message was ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 19, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

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. 46:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 7 of an act approved May 31, 1889, entitled an act to regulate the practice of medicine, etc., the same being Section 806, Chapter 4, Title 3, Division 1, of the Revised Statutes of Florida,

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Browne moved that the rule be waived and that House Bill No. 46 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

House Joint Resolution and Memorial to Congress:

Asking for a mail route from Braidentown in Manatee, and Arcadia in DeSoto county, Florida.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The memorial referred to was ordered laid over under the rules.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

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. 193:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, and all subordinate or particular lodges Masonically chartered thereby,

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Myers moved that the rule be waived and that House Bill No. 193 be read the first time by its title;
Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,
Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 19, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

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. 70:

To be entitled an act to amend Sections 280 and 281 and to repeal Section 284 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the Agricultural College.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. McKay moved that the rule be waived and that House Bill No. 70 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 19, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

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. 67:

To be entitled an act to regulate the manner in which writs of scire facias shall be served,

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Calhoun moved that the rule be waived and that House Bill No. 67 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 19, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

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. 65:

To be entitled an act to continue the rights, privileges and grants of the Homosassa and Withlacoochee Railroad Company,

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives

Mr. Williamson moved that the rule be waived and that House Bill No. 65 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Reports of Committees.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 19, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 136:

An act to amend Section 212, Chapter 2, Article 2, of the Revised Statutes.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 116:

An act to authorize the clerks of the Circuit Courts to record and index the judgments and decrees of the courts of the United States.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED. T. MYERS,
Chairman Committee.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 19, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 128:

An act concerning notaries public.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED. T. MYERS,
Chairman of Committee.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 19, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred
House Bill No. 106:

A bill to be entitled an act to limit the time within which appeals in chancery may be taken.

Also,

House Bill No. 17:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing that a scrawl or scroll printed or written shall be as effectual as a seal

Also,

House Bill No. 38:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing attorneys-at-law to administer oaths.

Also,

House Bill No. 30:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 906 of the Revised Statutes of Florida.

Also,

House Bill No. 45:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the manner of payment of jurors and witnesses to be paid in this State.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED. T. MYERS.

Chairman Committee.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.
Mr. McKay, Chairman of Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 129:

A bill to protect food fish during spawning season.

Beg leave to report that—

The committee have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report that the law has not been complied with, being a local measure and not advertised according to law, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

JAMES MCKAY,

Chairman of Committee.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Bristol, Chairman of Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 113:

Being a bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3973 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 7, 1889, being an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of New St. Augustine,

Have had the same under consideration, and have directed

their chairman to report the same favorably, and recommend that the bill do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. H. BRISTOL,

Chairman of Committee

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Browne, Chairman of Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Rules beg leave to report the following Rule:

That there shall be but two executive sessions of the Senate each week, to-wit: On Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:30 p. m.

Also,

That Rule 4 be amended by striking out the word "three" and insert the word "five" in lieu thereof.

Very respectfully,

JEFF. B. BROWN,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. McKinne moved that the report of the committee be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Mr. McKinne, Chairman Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 66:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Tampa and Western Railroad Company,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and

recommend that it do pass, with the amendment attached thereto.

Very respectfully,
 J. H. McKINNE,
 Chairman of Committee on Railroads.

The amendment was as follows:

In Section 2, line 27, after the word "railroads," strike out all to the word "to" in line 30.

Also the following.

SENATE CHAMBER,
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads to whom was referred

Senate Bill No. 61:

To be entitled an act to compel railroad companies to construct and provide suitable station accommodations for passengers at the stations on the lines of their roads,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do pass with the following amendment:

In section 1, line 3, after the word "each" insert "regular passenger."

Very respectfully,
 J. H. McKINNE,
 Chairman Committee on Railroads

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER,
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 51:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Consumers' Electric Light and Street Railroad Company.

Beg leave to report the same back to Senate [without recommendation.

Very respectfully,
 J. H. McKINNE,
 Chairman of Committee on Railroads.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 95:

To be entitled an act to regulate the hours of labor of trainmen on railroads in the State, to provide a penalty for violation of the same and for other purposes.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do pass, with the accompanying amendment.

Very respectfully,
 J. H. McKINNE,
 Chairman Committee on Railroads.

The amendment was as follows:

In Section 1, line 4, insert the word "sixteen" for "thirteen."

Line 5, insert word "sixteen" for "thirteen."

Line 8, insert "conductors and engineers" for word "trainmen."

Line 8, insert "sixteen" for "thirteen."

Line 10, insert "eight" for "ten."

Line 13, insert "sixteen" for "thirteen."

Line 14, insert "sixteen" for "thirteen."

Line 15, insert "sixteen" for "thirteen."

Line 16, insert "sixteen" for "thirteen."

Line 16, insert "eight" for "ten."

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 62:

To be entitled an act to provide for the specific performance of certain kinds of contracts made by railroad companies,

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

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Genovar, Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 41:

An act to empower the Governor, Treasurer and Comptroller to borrow money for State purposes,

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find it carefully enrolled.

Very respectfully,

F. B. GENOVAR,

Chairman Committee

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Whidden asked and was granted unanimous consent to withdraw Senate Bill No. 129.

The President announced the appointment of Mr. Perrenot as the joint committee of one on the part of the Senate to visit the convict camps and inquire into their management.

Mr. Calhoun moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of bills on their third reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered.

Whereupon,

Mr. Calhoun moved that the rules be further waived and that the Senate take up House Bill No. 7 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered,

And,

House Bill No. 7:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Savings and Trust Bank of Florida, and to confer certain rights and privileges thereon,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, Myers, Perrenot, Reeves, Rosborough, St. Clair Abrams, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Williamson, Wolfe—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Consideration of Bills on Second Reading.

Senate Bill No. 59:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2125 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida,

Was taken up, when Mr. Wolfe asked and was granted unanimous consent to withdraw the bill.

Senate Bill No. 84:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring signature and seal of tax assessors to all deeds and sureties filed for record in this State,

Was taken up.

Mr. Williamson asked and was granted unanimous consent to withdraw the bill.

Senate Bill No. 94:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the efficient in-

spection of all bridges and public works of the State of Florida,

Was taken up and passed informally, the introducer not being in the chamber.

Senate Bill No. 71:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of fish in the salt waters of the State of Florida,

Was taken up and passed informally, the introducer not being in the chamber.

Senate Bill No. 96:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the fees and per diem of certain officers herein designated,

Was read the second time in full.

Mr. St. Clair Abrams moved that the bill be referred to the Joint Committee on the Financial Condition of the State;

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Senate Bill No. 71:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of fish in the salt waters of the State of Florida;

Which had been passed informally, owing to the absence of Mr. Morrow, who introduced the same,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, together with the amendments offered by the Committee on Fisheries.

The amendments were as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following in lieu thereof:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this act, no seine, gill net or other nets except a common cast-net, shall be set or used for the taking of food fish for sale, within one mile of any pass or inlet, or continuation thereof from the Atlantic Ocean into any inland waters of this State.

Sec. 2. Any person guilty of the violation of this act shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding ninety days, or by fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court, and by confiscation of all boats, nets, seines or other appliances used in such unlawful act. Provided, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to affect in any manner the right of fishermen on the Gulf Coast, including rivers and bays, in the capture of mullet and other fish, from using any seines or other nets they may think proper.

Sec. 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect immediately on its signature by the Governor.

Mr. McKay moved that the bill be re-committed;

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Mr. Marks moved that hereafter the Committees on Fisheries of each house be requested to hold joint sessions to consider all matters pertaining to fisheries and that the Secretary of the Senate be requested to communicate the action of the Senate to the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

By permission Mr. Williamson introduced—

Senate Bill No. 145:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2757, Article 13 of the Revised Statutes of Florida.

Mr. Williamson moved that the rule be waived and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The regular order of business was resumed, being the

Consideration of Bills on Their Second Reading.

And,

Senate Bill No. 132:

A bill to be entitled an act to require certain corporations to give to their agents or employees the cause of their removal or discharge, when discharged or removed,

Was read the second time in full and ordered engrossed for its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act limiting the obligation of contracts and debts secured by mortgage,

Was read the second time in full and ordered to lay on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 47:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the use of purse or drag seines, and to prohibit the building and maintaining of dykes or pounds in any stream, river or waters of this State, whereby shad may be prevented from running, or passing up

or through the same during their spawning season, between December 1st and April 1st of every year,

Was taken up and passed informally, the introducer of the bill not being in the chamber.

Senate Bill No. 111 :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the collection of vital statistics in the several counties of the State of Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 110:

A bill to be entitled an act to create and establish a State Bureau of Vital Statistics for the State of Florida, and to increase the efficiency of the State Board of Health,

Were taken up.

Mr. Marks asked and was granted unanimous consent to withdraw the bills.

By Mr. McKay:

Senate Bill No. 78 :

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3, Part 1, Title 11 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, regulating appointment and duties of the County Boards of Health, and to repeal an act, being Chapter 4041, Laws of Florida, approved June 10, 1891, entitled an act to amend sections 4, 6, 7, and 10 of an act to amend an act to provide for the appointment of County Boards of Health in and for the several counties of the State of Florida, and define their powers, being Chapter 3859, Laws of Florida, approved June 7, 1889,

Was taken up and passed informally, the introducer of the bill not being present in the chamber.

Senate Bill No. 120:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of members of the county board of public instruction and to fix their compensation,

Was read the second time in full.

Mr. Summers moved that the bill remain on its second reading, and that 100 copies of the same be printed;

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Senate Bill No. 47:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the use of purse or drag seines, and to prohibit the building and maintaining of dykes or pounds in any stream, river or waters of this State, whereby shad may be prevented from running, or passing up or through the same during their spawning season, between December 1st and April 1st of every year;

Which had been passed informally, was taken up, read the second time in full and ordered engrossed for its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 130:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4048, Section 3, Revised Statutes, relative to the records of marks and brands.

Senate Bill No. 109:

A bill to be entitled an act to compel drovers to have the marks and brands of their herds inspected before swimming or driving them across the Caloosahatchie river,

Were taken up and passed informally, the introducer of the bills not being present in the chamber.

Senate Bill No. 63 :

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 3, Part 1, Title 11 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, regulating appointment and duties of the county boards of health, and to repeal an act, being Chapter 4041, Laws of Florida, approved June 10, 1891, entitled an act to amend Sections 4, 6, 7 and 10 of an act to provide for the appointment of county boards of health in and for the several counties of the State of Florida, and define their powers, being Chapter 3859, Laws of Florida, approved June 7, 1889.

Was taken up.

Mr. Wolfe, at the request of Mr. Grady, who had to leave the capital to-day, moved that the bill be made the special order for 11 o'clock Monday, April 25, 1893;

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Senate Bill No. 105:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Melbourne.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 101:

Being a bill to be entitled an act declaring the town of Eau Gallie, in the county of Brevard, to be a legally incorporated town and to change and define the boundaries of said town,

Were taken up and passed informally, the introducer of the bills not being present in the chamber.

Senate Bill No. 136:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 212, Chapter 2, Article 2, of the Revised Statutes,

Was read the second time in full.

Mr. Broome offered the following amendment:

In Section 1, line 8, after the word "Governor" strike out all that follows said word "Governor."

Mr. Broome moved that the amendment be adopted.

Mr. Borden offered the following amendment to the amendment:

In Section 1, line 9, strike out all after the word "commissions," insert the following:

"Upon the commission of any Circuit Judge sixty dollars, upon each State's attorney's commission thirty dollars; upon the commission of any judge of a criminal court fifty dollars; upon the commission of a criminal court solicitor thirty dollars, and upon the commission of any other appointed office one dollar."

Mr. Borden moved that the amendment to the amendment be adopted;

Which was not agreed to, and the amendment to the amendment was declared lost.

Mr. McKinne moved that the amendment be laid on the table;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Broome offered the following amendment:

At the end of Section 1 add "that members of the Legislature before they be entitled to their seat in the Legislature of Florida shall pay a fee to the Secretary of State of fifty dollars each."

Mr. Broome moved that the amendment be adopted.

Mr. Wolfe moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Upon which the yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Blich, Broome, Farmer, Fleming, Johnson, McLeran, Myers, Perrenot, Rosborough, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth and Wolfe—13.

Nays—Messrs. Baya, Borden, Bristol, Browne, Calhoun, Genovar, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, Reeves, St. Clair Abrams, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—15.

So the motion to lay on the table was lost.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment:

Add to the amendment:

"Provided that this act shall apply to the members of the present Legislature;"

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. McKinne moved that the bill with amendments be re-committed to the Committee on Judiciary;

Which was withdrawn.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Broome that the amendment offered by himself be adopted.

Upon which the yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blich, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Fleming, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Reeves, St. Clair Abrams, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson—20.

Nays—Messrs. Farmer, Myers, Perrenot, Rosborough, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Wolfe—8.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Summers moved that further consideration of Senate Bill No. 136 be indefinitely postponed.

Upon which the yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blich, Bristol, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Johnson, McKinne, McLeran, Myers, Perrenot, Reeves, Rosborough, Summers, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—18.

Nays—Messrs. Borden, Broome, Browne, Genovar, Marks, McKay, McKinney, St. Clair Abrams, Thomas, Wolfe—10.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was agreed to.

The Senate thereupon, on motion of Mr. Calhoun, adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Friday, April 21, 1893.