

Mr. Browne moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate recur to the consideration of bills on third reading;

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

Senate Bill No. 74:

Entitled an act to extend the time for the completion of the Florida, Georgia and Western Railroad,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McLeran, Myers, Perrenot, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson—22.

Nays—None.

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

Senate Bill No. 104:

Entitled an act relating to railroad corporations,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Calhoun, Fleming, Johnson, Marks, McLeran, Myers, Perrenot, Reeves, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—21.

Nays—None.

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

Senate Bill No. 102:

Entitled an act to authorize railroad corporations to guarantee payment of interest on the bonds issued by other railroad corporations,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Calhoun, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McLeran, Myers, Perrenot, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Wolfe—22.

Nays—None.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 25, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, Beg leave to report that they have delivered the following act to the Governor for his approval:

An act to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jackson County Mill Company.

Also,

An act to be entitled an act to incorporate the Marianna and Greenwood Telephone Company.

Also,

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

Very respectfully,

F. B. GENOVAR,

Chairman of Joint Committee.

The Senate thereupon, on motion of Mr. Bristol, adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, April 26, 1893.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 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, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McLeran, Myers, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal was approved.

Introduction of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

By Mr. St. Clair Abram:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24;

Which was read as follows:

Requesting Congress to appropriate the necessary funds to improve the harbor of New Smyrna.

Whereas, The increasing production of fruits, vegetables, phosphates and kaolin renders necessary a shorter line to tide-water from the fields, groves and mines than now exist; and,

Whereas, The harbor of New Smyrna, in Volusia county, possesses all the advantages of being land locked, contiguous to the center of production and could be made available to commerce at comparatively small expense, be it therefore

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, That the members of Congress from this State be and are hereby requested to use their utmost inducement to secure an appropriation sufficient to improve the harbor of New Smyrna, to deepen the bar at Mosquito inlet and to render the port available for commercial purposes.

Be it further resolved, That this resolution be transmitted to each of our representatives in Congress.

Laid over under the rules.

On motion of Mr. McLeran Mr. L. W. Colson, the reading clerk, was excused for the day on account of sickness and Mr. F. L. Robertson was authorized to act in his place.

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

Mr. McKinne gave notice that the Hon. Samuel Pasco would address the Legislature in the hall of the House of Representatives to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Baya:

Senate Bill No. 174:

A bill to be entitled an act preventing the shipment of partridges and quail killed or entrapped in the State of Florida.

Mr. Baya 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. Blicht:

Senate Bill No. 175:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to protect certain kinds of game, approved May 19, 1891, and designated as Chapter 4049, Laws of Florida.

Mr. Blicht 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 Agriculture.

By Mr. McKinne:

Senate Bill No. 176:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect the owners of stallions, jacks or bulls.

Mr. McKinne 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 Agriculture.

By Mr. Thomas:

Senate Bill No. 177:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the payment of capitation taxes.

Mr. Thomas moved that the rules 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 Finance and Taxation.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Broome, Chairman of Committee on Legislative Expenses, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 25, 1893.

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Legislative Expenses, to whom was referred—

A number of bills relative to the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature for the session of 1893.

Beg to report that they have carefully considered the same and would recommend that the pay be fixed as follows:

Pay of members of the Legislature, \$6 per day.

With mileage of 10 cents each way.

Pay of the Secretary of the Senate, \$6 per day.

Pay of Assistant Secretary of the Senate, \$6 per day.

Pay of Chief Clerk, House of Representatives, \$6 per day.

Pay of Assistant Clerk, House of Representatives, \$6 per day.

Pay of Reading Clerks, \$5 per day.

Pay of Recording Clerks, \$5 per day.

Pay of Engrossing Clerks, \$5 per day.

Pay of Enrolling Clerks, \$5 per day.

Pay of Sergeants-at-Arms, \$5 per day.

Pay of Doorkeepers, \$5 per day.

Pay of Janitors, \$4 per day.

Pay of Messengers, \$4 per day.

Pay of Pages, \$2 per day.

Pay of Chaplains, for the session, \$100.

Pay of Clerks of Standing Committees, \$4 per day, for time actually employed, to be certified to by the chairmen of such committees.

Your committee would also recommend that the secretary of the Senate and chief clerk of the House of Representatives receive pay for three days after adjournment of the Legislature for the purpose of finishing up their work.

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME,

Chairman of Committee.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Rosborough, Chairman Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 25, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 152:

Has had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

J. A. ROSBOROUGH,

Chairman 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 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 154:

Being a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to amend Section 2 of an act entitled 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.

Have had the same under consideration, and have directed the chairman to report the same favorably without any amendment to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

W. H. BRISTOL,

Chairman of Committee.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Wolfe, Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 103:

Entitled an act relating to railroad corporations.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 67:

Entitled an act relating to certain notes or other instruments of writing for the payment of money,

Beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

J. EMMET WOLFE,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 72:

A bill to be entitled an act to declare the first Monday in September of each year Labor Day and a legal holiday.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 39:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the appointment of acting county solicitors of the Criminal Courts of Record in the various counties of Florida wherever there shall be a vacancy in the office of county solicitor, or in the absence from the county of the solicitor or his inability to perform the duties of his office.

Beg leave to report them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

F. B. GENOVAR,

Chairman Committee.

Which were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills for signature.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Memorial No. 22:

Relating to the establishment of a regular mail route over the branch of the S. F. & W. R. R. from Fort White to Lake City, Fla.

Beg to report that they have considered the same and recommend that the memorial do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE,

Chairman of Committee on Railroads.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 144:

To be entitled an act relative to conductors, engineers and firemen on railroads, and their employes,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and return the same without recommendation, because a bill covering the same grounds has been reported by this committee.

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE,

Chairman of Committee on Railroads.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred
House Bill No. 65:

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

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.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 2:

To be entitled an act to define the duties of all common carriers in the State engaged in transportation,

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

In Section 2, line 4, strike out "five" and insert "three" in lieu thereof.

Very respectfully,

J. H. MCKINNE,

Chairman of Committee on Railroads.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Thomas, Acting Chairman of Committee on Militia, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Militia, to whom was referred—
Senate Memorial No. 21:

Introduced by Senator Baya:

To Congress of the United States, asking for an appro-

priation for the examination and support of the Agricultural Colleges of the United States.

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. C. THOMAS,

Acting Chairman Committee on Militia.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Consideration of Bills on Second Reading.

Senate Bill No. 95:

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

Was read the second time in full, together with the amendments offered by the Committee on Railroads;

Which were 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."

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

Which was agreed to and the amendments to the bill were declared adopted, and the bill with the amendments was ordered engrossed for its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 101:

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.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 105:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 255. Revised Statutes of Florida,

Were passed informally, the introducer of the bills being absent on account of illness.

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 passed informally, the introducer of the bill being absent from the city.

Senate Bill No. 141:

A bill to be entitled an act to make an appropriation to have the State of Florida properly represented at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago for the year 1893, and for the expenditure of the said appropriation,

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

Pending consideration of bills on their third reading,

A message from the Governor was received.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

And,

Senate Bill No. 142:

A bill to be entitled an act to raise a fund to have the resources of the State of Florida properly exhibited at the Columbian Exposition and for the proper expenditure of said fund,

Was read the second time in full.

Mr. Borden moved that further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Upon which the yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Blich, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Farmer, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKinne, McLeran, Myers, Rosborough, Smith, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden—17.

Nays—Messrs. Baya, Browne, Calhoun, Fleming, Genovar, McKay, Reeves, St. Clair Abrams, Williamson, Wolfe—10.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was agreed to.

Before the vote was announced Mr. Marks changed his vote from nay to yea, and gave notice that he would on tomorrow move a reconsideration of the vote by which the mo-

tion to indefinitely postpone Senate Bill No. 142 was agreed to.

House Joint Resolution No. 26:

Relating to duty on foreign pineapples.

Was read the second time in full and placed among the orders of the day on the calendar of bills on their third reading.

Senate Bill No. 131:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide an institute for the blind, and deaf and dumb.

Was passed informally, the introducer not being present in the chamber.

Senate Bill No. 127:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act approved June 8, 1891, entitled an act providing for forfeiture of franchises, grants, rights, privileges, licenses and immunities in certain cases,

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

Senate Bill No. 108:

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. 107:

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 passed informally, the introducer of the bills not being present on account of illness.

Senate Bill No. 66:

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

Was read the second time in full, together with the amendments offered by the Committee on Railroads;

Which were as follows:

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

Mr. Myers moved that the amendments of the committee be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendments to the bill were declared adopted.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment:

After the word "Madison" in seventh line from bottom of first page insert word "Leon."

Mr. McKinne moved that the amendment be adopted;

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

Mr. Wolfe offered the following amendment:

In Section 3, line 6, after the word "provided" strike out all after said word and insert "by the laws of the State of Florida."

Mr. Wolfe moved that the amendment be adopted;

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

Mr. Wolfe offered the following amendment:

In Section 4, at the end of said section insert "and ten per cent. of the same paid in in cash."

Mr. Wolfe moved that the amendment be adopted;

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

Mr. Wolfe offered the following amendment:

Strike out all of sections 8 and 9.

Mr. Wolfe moved that the amendment be adopted;

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

Mr. Wolfe offered the following amendment:

In Section 10, line 6, strike out the word "nine" and insert the word "six" in lieu thereof;

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Wolfe offered the following amendment:

In Section 11, line 6, after the word "survey" strike out all that follows said word in said section.

Mr. Wolfe moved that the amendment be adopted;

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

Mr. Wolfe offered the following amendments:

In Section 12, line 5, strike out all after the word "company" in said section.

Change section numbers to read consecutively.

Mr. Wolfe moved that the amendments be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendments were declared adopted.

The bill with amendments was ordered engrossed for its third reading.

Pending further consideration of bills on their second reading,

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate recur to the reports of committees;

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

Whereupon,

Mr. Reeves, Chairman of Committee on Education submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 172:

To be entitled "an act relating to the agricultural experiment station at DeFuniak Springs, Walton county, and to the State normal school for whites at that place."

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments, to-wit:

The title to be amended so as to read as follows:

"An act to incorporate the State Normal and Agricultural college, to consolidate therewith the agricultural experiment station and State Normal school at DeFuniak Springs, in Walton county, and to provide that a part of the interest accruing from the college fund be applied to the maintenance of the same."

Also,

Strike out all between the word "demand" in the fifteenth line of section 5 and the word "said" in the twenty-second line of section 5.

Very respectfully,

L. J. REEVES,

Chairman Committee on Education.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 25, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 169:

An act to organize a county court in DeSoto county, Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 155:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to crimes committed secretly.

Also,

House Bill No. 93:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the sale of public property by the superintendents of public institutions.

Also,

House Bill No. 68:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to paying certain witnesses who appear before grand juries.

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

Very respectfully,

FRED. T. MYERS,
Chairman Committee.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The regular order of business was then resumed,

Being consideration of bills on their second reading,

Pending consideration of which—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read, the rules being waived by a two-thirds vote on motion of Mr. McKinne:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

House Resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives adjourn at 12 o'clock noon to-morrow, 27th inst., and the Senate be requested to do likewise, and they are invited to meet in this hall immediately upon adjournment, to hear an address from the Hon. Samuel Pasco,

And request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. McKinne moved that the Senate concur in the resolution referred to in the message, and accept the invitation of the House to meet with them at noon to-morrow;

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

The regular order of business was then resumed,

And

Senate Bill No. 51:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Consumers' Electric Light and Street Railroad Company,
Was read the second time in full.

Mr. Browne moved that further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to, and further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Pending further consideration of bills on their second reading—

Mr. Wolfe moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate do now go into executive session;

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

Whereupon,

At 12:15 o'clock the Senate went into executive session.

The chamber was cleared and the doors closed.

At 12:30 o'clock the doors were opened.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, McKay, McKinne, McLeran, Myers, Reeves,

Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson, Wolfe—27.

A quorum present.

By permission,

Mr. Calhoun, Chairman of Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 117:

Entitled an act to confirm, enlarge and extend the power, rights and franchise of the St. Augustine Bridge Company.

Beg leave to report that they have had said bill under consideration and recommend its passage with the following amendments suggested by the committee:

In line 11, page 2, Section 2 of said bill, after the words "sum of," strike out the words "10 cents" and read in lieu of said words, "5 cents."

Also,

Strike out Section 3 of said bill and number sections following 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Very respectfully,

BENJ. P. CALHOUN,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The regular order of business was then resumed, being consideration of bills on their second reading.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up Senate Bill No. 172 out of its regular order;

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

Whereupon,

Senate Bill No. 172:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the Agricultural Experiment Station at DeFuniak Springs, Walton county, and to the State Normal school for whites at that place,

Was read the second time in full, together with the amendments offered by the Committee on Education;

Which were as follows:

The title to be amended so as to read as follows:

"An act to incorporate the State Normal and Agricultural College, to consolidate therewith the agricultural experiment station and State Normal school at DeFuniak Springs, in Walton county, and to provide that a part of the interest accruing from the college fund be applied to the maintenance of the same."

Also,

Strike out all between the word "demand" in the fifteenth line of section 5 and the word "said" in the twenty-second line of section 5.

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

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Pending further consideration of bills on their second reading,

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

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

Whereupon,

Senate Bill No. 55:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 15, Article 1, Chapter 2, of the Revised Statutes.

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas.—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Calhoun, Fleming, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McLeran, Myers, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden, Wolfe—22.

Nays—None.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to authorize the appointment of acting county solicitors of the Criminal Courts of Record in the various

counties of the State of Florida, wherever there shall be a vacancy in the office of county solicitor, or in the absence from the county of the solicitor or his inability to perform the duties of his office.

Also,

An act to declare the first Monday in September of each year labor day and a legal holiday.

Also,

An act to continue the rights, privileges and grants of the Silver Springs, Ocala and Gulf Railroad Company,

Beg leave to report the same correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

F. B. GENOVAR,

Chairman Joint Committee.

The acts referred to were ordered turned over to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills for presentation to the Speaker of the House of Representatives for signature.

By permission,

Mr. Grady, Chairman of Committee on Commerce and Navigation, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 26, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 171:

A bill to be entitled an act declaring Waddell creek navigable.

Recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. E. GRADY,

Chairman of Committee.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Myers offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The 26th of April is the day generally set apart throughout the South to commemorate the Confederate dead; be it

Resolved, That Senator Broome be requested to recite a poem composed by Col. Alfred M. Hobby, a former resident of Tallahassee, which is peculiarly appropriate to the occasion, and that the poem be spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Browne moved that the resolution be adopted;

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

Senator Broome responded to the request of the Senate, prefacing the reading of the poem with this statement:

Just after the war "a prominent northern divine delivered a sermon in which he declared that the Confederate dead occupied "dishonored grave-." This language caused the production of this poem.

He then read, with touching effect, the poem, which was as follows:

Vile brutal man, and darest thou
In God's anointed place to preach,
With impious tongue and brazen brow,
The lessons hell would blush to teach?
The cruel taunts thy lips hath hissed,
Beneath religion's holy screen
Are false—false as Iscariot's kiss,
Is false as thou art vile and mean.

Are these the lessons which He taught,
And was His mission here in vain?
Peace and good-will seem words of naught,
Hell rules the earth with hate again;
And thus its chosen instrument,
Hyena-like, with heartless tread,
Hast dared invade the bloodhound scent,
The sacred precincts of the dead.

Not such from those dear, brave, old South,
Who met thee in thine hour of might,
But from the coarse, polluted mouth,
Of coward curs who feared to fight.
Dear, loved old South condemn the curse
That those who hate shall heap on you,
You've wept behind war's bloody hearse
That bore away your brave and true.

Their precious blood, though vainly shed,
 Long as the shore old ocean loves,
 Will bow with reverence o'er our dead
 And bless the turf that wraps their graves.
 From Mexico to Maryland
 Their graves are strewn like autumn leaves;
 What though no mother's tender hand
 Upon their tomb a chaplet weaves?

Nor wives, nor sisters bend above
 The honored soldier's unmarked mound,
 They are objects of eternal love
 In consecrated Southern ground;
 It recks not where their bodies lie
 By bloody hillside, plain or river,
 Their names are bright on fame's fair sky,
 Their deeds of valor live forever.

The song birds of the South shall sing
 From forest grand and flowery stem,
 And gentlest waters murmuring,
 Unite to hymn their requiem;
 And spring will deck their hallowed bed
 With types of resurrection day,
 And silent tears the night hath shed
 The morning's beams will kiss away.

Those heroes rest in solemn fame
 On every field where freedom bled,
 And shall we let the touch of shame
 Fall like a blight upon our dead?
 No, wretch! we scorn thy hatred now,
 And hiss thy shame from pole to pole;
 The brutes are better far than thou,
 And hell would blush to own thy soul.

"Dishonored graves!" Take back the lie
 That breathed by more than human hate,
 Lest Ananias-like you die
 Not less deserving of his fate.
 Our Spartan women bow in dust
 Around their country's broken shrine,
 True as their cause was right and just,
 Pure as their deeds have been divine.

Their angel hands the wounded cheered,
 Did all that woman ever does,
 When wealth and homes had disappeared,
 They gave us tears and smiles and prayers;
 They proudly gave their jewels up,
 For all they loved as worthless toys,
 Drank to the dregs want's bitter cup,
 To feed our sick and starving boys.

Their glorious flag on high no more
 Is borne by that unconquered band,
 'Tis furled upon the silent shore,
 Its heroes still around it stand;
 No more beneath its folds shall meet
 The armies of immortal Lee,
 The rolling of their drums last beat
 Is echoing in eternity.

The Senate thereupon, on motion of Mr. Wolfe, adjourned
 until 10 o'clock A. M. Thursday, April 27, 1893.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 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, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Mor-
 row, Myers, Perrenot, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair
 Abrams, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden,
 Williamson and Wolfe—32.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal was approved.

Introduction of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

By Mr. St. Clair Abrams:
 Senate Resolution No. 25: