

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1895.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLinn, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—32.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Darby moved that the Journal be corrected by transferring the number of Concurrent Resolution 3 to 2 and 2 to 3;

Which was agreed to.

The Journal was corrected, and approved as corrected.

## Introduction of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

Senator Blich of 21st introduced the following—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a committee of two from the Senate, to act with a similar committee of three from the House, be appointed to visit the Deaf and Dumb asylum at St. Augustine;

Which was read the first time, and laid over under the rules until tomorrow.

Introduced by Mr. Daniel:

Senate Resolution No. 5:

Resolved, That the committee of the Senate on Privileges and Elections be empowered to employ such clerical aid as shall be necessary for the performance of the duties of said committee.

Mr. Daniel moved that the rules be waived, and that the resolution be read the second time.

The motion was withdrawn.

Senator Blich of 20th introduced the following—

Concurrent Resolution No. 16 :

Whereas, the Governor in his message commends to the

favorable consideration of the Legislature the recommendations of the Comptroller; and,

Whereas, the recommendations of the Comptroller are in the line of true economy and suggest legislation that will be of great financial benefit to the people of this State; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the recommendations of the Comptroller and report thereon by bill or otherwise;

Which was read first time, and laid over under the rules.

By Mr. Chipley:

Senate Resolution No. 6:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Taxation be authorized to employ such clerical aid as is necessary to dispatch the business of the committee;

Which was read.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived, and that

Senate Bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of tax payers,

Be read the second time.

Mr. Blitch of 20th moved that Senate Bill No. 1 be made special order for tomorrow at 12 noon;

Which was agreed to.

### Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Broome:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 39:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Florida.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Joint Resolution No. 39 be read a first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 39 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Morrow:

Senate Bill No. 40:

To be entitled an act making appropriations to the various counties of the State to be expended in the payment of the costs and expenses of criminal prosecutions.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 40 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 40 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Palmer of 14th:

Senate Bill No. 41:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the throwing of dynamite or other explosives in the waters of the State.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 41 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote

And Senate Bill No. 41 was read a first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

By Mr. McLinn:

Senate Bill No. 42 :

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 3934 of the acts of 1889, approved May 11th, 1889, entitled an act to establish a criminal court of record in the county of Lake.

Mr. McLinn moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 42 be read first time by its title ;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 42 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Williamson :

Senate Bill No. 43:

A bill to be entitled an act entitled an act to amend section 57, chapter 4115, Laws of Florida of 1893, for the collection of revenue.

Mr. Williamson moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 43 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 43 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Peacock:

Senate Bill No. 44:

To be entitled an act to prescribe rules and regulations for licensing teachers; to provide for uniform examinations; to secure fairness in examination and in issuing teachers' certificates, and for other purposes.

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 44 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 44 was read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Reeves :

Senate Bill No. 45 :

To be entitled an act to require the giving of new or additional bonds by county officers, and to require the removal of officers failing to give such as are required by this act.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 45 be read first time by its title ;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 45 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 46:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1761 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida relating to the landlord's lien for rent.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 46 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 46 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 47:

To be entitled an act to amend section 5, chapter 4159 (No. 45), approved June 2, 1893.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 47 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 47 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Hicks:

Senate Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable the Tallahassee Railway company to extend its tracks on the north to the Georgia state line, and on the south to Apalachicola, Franklin county, and to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of said extensions.

Mr. Hicks moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 48 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 48 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Blitch of 20th:

Senate Bill No. 49:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3031 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

Mr. Blitch of 20th moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 49 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 49 was read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Blitch of 20th:

Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the fees of the sheriff of the several counties of this State for certain purposes.

And Senate Bill No. 45 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 46 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 46 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 47 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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Mr. Hicks moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 48 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 48 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Blitch of 20th:

Senate Bill No. 49:

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Mr. Blitch of 20th moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 49 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 49 was read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Blitch of 20th:

Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the fees of the sheriff of the several counties of this State for certain purposes.

Mr. Blitch of 20th moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 50 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 50 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Blitch of 21st:

Senate Bill No. 51:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the destruction of food fishes in the inland lakes of the State of Florida.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 51 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 51 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

By Mr. Broome:

Senate Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 1 and 3 of an act entitled an act to prescribe the compensation to be paid jurors and witnesses serving in the courts of this State, and to provide for summoning defendant's witnesses.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 52 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 52 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Williamson:

Senate Bill No. 53:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States.

Mr. Williamson moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 53 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 53 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Weeks moved that the Senate adjourn until 4 o'clock this afternoon;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate took a recess until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate convened pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Bitch of 20th, Bitch of 21st, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLinn, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—32.

A quorum present.

Mr Thompson moved that the election of President pro tem. be made a special order for 5 o'clock this afternoon;

Which was agreed to.

## Consideration of Resolutions.

Senate Resolution No. 1:

Resolved, By the Senate, that hereafter all bills on first reading shall be read by titles only until otherwise ordered.

Introduced yesterday by Mr. Bitch of 20th,

Was read.

Mr. Bitch of 20th asked consent to withdraw the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Resolution No. 1 was withdrawn.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two (2) from the Senate and three (3) from the House be appointed to examine the books and records of the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and they be allowed to employ such clerical aid as they may find necessary,

Was read,

Mr. Whidden moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Darby moved to commit the resolution to the Committee on Legislative Expenses;

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to examine the books and records of the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and they be allowed to employ such clerical aid as they find necessary,

Was read.

Mr. Williamson moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

Strike out the words "employ clerical aid," and substitute the words "and, if clerical aid be needed, report such aid as they deem it necessary, to be acted upon by the Senate."

Mr. Dougherty moved that the resolution and amendment be referred to the Committee on Legislative Expenses;

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

Whereas, The State is now laboring under great depression, and strict economy is demanded at our hands by a people struggling under losses, and burdened with taxes. And whereas, many errors arise, and crude legislation must and will follow the hurried passage of bills, unless carefully avoided, usually attending the last days of a legislature, now therefore to avoid the above contingencies,

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, that no bill be introduced after the expiration of thirty days of this session, the first day of this term inclusive, and that the Legislature do adjourn after forty days hereof, to-wit, on the 12th day of May, 1895,

Was read.

Mr. Darby moved the resolution be referred to the proper committee;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution was referred to the Committee on Legislative Expenses.

Concurrent Senate Resolution No. 6:

Whereas, the State at each session of the Legislature is put to great expense in the passage of and the printing and publication of numerous acts incorporating various enterprises, such as mercantile, phosphate and lumber companies, banks, driveways, secret fraternities, railroads, towns, etc., etc., solely for private purposes. And,

Whereas, There now stands upon the statute books of our State incorporation laws whereby parties, at their own expense, may procure charters and incorporate their various enterprises; therefore, be it,

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that no bill of incorporation be reported favorably by any committee to whom referred or be passed where the subject matter of the bill can be acquired and obtained by and under the incorporation laws now in force in this State,

Was read.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th offered the following amendment to Concurrent Resolution No. 6:

In lines 17 and 18, after the word "corporation," the words

"except municipal corporations, - oe and the same is hereby added.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the resolution and amendment be referred to the Committee on Corporations;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 :

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida be, and the same is hereby agreed to, and that it shall be submitted to the electors of this State at the general election in 1896 for ratification or rejection :

SECTION 1. No special act shall be passed by the Legislature granting to any person, association of persons, or private corporations, any right, power, franchise, privilege or immunity which may be obtainable under any general law existing at the time of the passage of such act.

Sec. 2. That if said amendment is ratified at the said general election to be held in 1896 it shall become and be section 34 of article 3 of the Constitution,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8:

Senate Concurrent Resolution relating to the adoption of what is known as the "Australian Ballot" system for holding and conducting elections in the State of Florida.

Whereas, all governments rest upon the patriotism of its subjects; and

Whereas, conditions exist in this State that menace public peace, encourages and invites civil strife, drives men and capital from our State, and keeps others from investing in homes in our midst, strangles justice, undermines the principles upon which the government rests (a free ballot), induces and protects fraud, thwarts the will of the people, opposes honesty, places in the hands of a very few the "iron rod" of tyranny, and robs the people of the power to perpetuate a republican form of government. These conditions is the result of the operations of the present election law; and

Whereas, honesty, firmness and justice should be the chief characteristics in elections and those who conduct elections; and

Whereas, it is admitted by all parties and factions that a fair and just system of elections is the paramount issue and the emphatic demand of the people; and

Whereas, such system is contemplated in what is usually known as the "Australian Ballot," therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That a joint committee be appointed, consisting of three members

of the Senate, and five members of the House of Representatives, whose duty shall be to prepare and present to their respective branches of the Legislature, a bill modeled after what is usually known as the "Australian Ballot" system, for the holding of elections, and other things connected therewith, in the State of Florida,

Was read.

Mr. Weeks moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Dougherty offered the following as a substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8:

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Committees on Privileges and Elections of the two houses act as a joint committee to which shall be referred all bills, resolutions and other papers pertaining to elections.

The yeas and nays were called for.

Pending which the hour of 5 o'clock arrived, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the special order, the election of a president pro tem.

Mr. Darby placed in nomination Mr. Thomas of the 32d district.

Mr. Thompson placed in nomination Mr. Palmer of the 11th district.

Mr. Broome seconded the nomination of Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Bailey seconded the nomination of Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Williamson seconded the nomination of Mr. Palmer of the 11th.

Mr. Darby moved that the vote be taken by roll call;

Which was agreed to.

Upon the call of the roll the vote was:

For Mr. Palmer—Messrs. Chipley, Daniel, Hartridge, Marks, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Thomas, Thompson, Whidden and Williamson—11.

For Mr. Thomas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLinn, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Reynolds, Wadsworth and Weeks—29.

Mr. Marks moved that the nomination of Mr. Thomas be declared unanimous;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Genovar moved that a committee of three be appointed to introduce the President pro tem. elect to the Senate.

The President appointed Messrs. Genovar, Thompson and Darby as such committee.

The committee, having performed their duty, were discharged.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

The consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8, was resumed, the question being upon the adoption of the substitute,

Upon which the yeas and nays were called.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Hicks, McLeran, McLinn, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth and Whidden—20.

Nays—Messrs. Broome, Darby, Genovar, Hartridge, Morrow, McKinney, Palmer of 14th, Thomas, Weeks and Williamson—10.

So the substitute was adopted.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9:

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a committee of one from the Senate and two from the House be appointed to visit and examine into the condition, the books and records of the State Insane asylum at Chattahoochee, with power to send for persons and papers,

Was read.

Mr. Dougherty moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Legislative Expenses;

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10:

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a committee of two from the Senate and three from the House of Representatives be appointed to examine the books, records and accounts of the office of Commissioner of Agriculture, and they be authorized to employ such clerical aid as they may need,

Was read.

Mr. Blich of 21st offered the following substitute:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a special joint committee consisting of two from the Senate and three from the House, be appointed to investigate the books, records and accounts of the commissioner of agriculture, and they shall be authorized to employ clerical aid for such investigation: Providing, the clerical aid shall not exceed two in number, the number of days of actual service to be certified by the chairman of committee, and per diem to be fixed by Committee on Legislative Expenses.

Mr. Blich of 21st moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution, together with the substitute, be referred to the Committee on Legislative Expenses;

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11 :

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of two on the part of the Senate be appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the House to examine the books and accounts of the Commissioner of Agriculture and employ such clerical aid as may be necessary,

Was read.

Mr. Daniel moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11 be referred to the Committee on Legislative Expenses ;

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12:

Senate concurrent resolution relative to representation at the opening of the National Park at Chickamauga, September 19th, 20th and 21st, 1895.

Whereas, the National Park at Chickamauga will be dedicated September 19th, 20th and 21st next ; be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint commission of two members of the Senate and three from the House be appointed by the presiding officers of the respective houses to attend said dedication ;

Resolved, further, That said commission shall make such recommendation to the next Legislature of Florida as they may deem proper as to the advisability of erecting a monument by the State in the National Park to commemorate the valor of Florida's sons who fell upon the memorable battlefield of Chickamauga ;

Resolved, further, That the veteran, Gen. J. J. Finley, the senior officer who commanded Florida's troops in that engagement, is hereby invited to accompany the commission herein appointed, as the guest of Florida, but the other members of the commission shall attend without expense to the State ;

Resolved, further, The Governor is hereby authorized to commission members from the Senate or House to fill vacancies in the commission should any occur by death or resignation,

Was read.

Mr. Chipley moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12 be referred to the Committee on Legislative Expenses ;

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13 :

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking the purchase of Appamattox for purposes of a National Park, and the erection of a memorial monument therein.

Whereas, The third of a century has gone by since the first shock of battle in the war between the States, which culminated at Appamattox, first shocked the world. And,

Whereas no differences of blood divide us, nor differences of language separate us, nor differences of section part us, 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 take immediate steps toward securing the passage of a bill providing for the purchase of Appamattox for the purpose of a National Park.

Resolved, further, That said bill provide for the erection by the government of a memorial monument upon the historic spot where General Lee surrendered to General Grant, as a tribute to the valor of the American soldiers who fell on both sides of that great contest, and as evidence to the world that sectionalism no longer holds sway in our nation—that we know no North, no South, no East, no West, but unite with pride in and devotion to one great common country,

Was read.

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14:

Senate Concurrent Resolution providing for joint action by Finance Committees of the two houses;

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring.

1st, That the Finance Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives are hereby authorized to sit in joint session whenever called together by the chairman of joint committee, or by any three members of same, to consider the financial condition of the State, and to report by bills or otherwise plans for advancing the financial affairs of the State, the payment of its indebtedness, and meeting its current expenses.

2d, All bills or reports from the joint sessions provided above shall come to either house of the Legislature as from a joint committee,

Was read.

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14 was adopted.

Senate Resolution No. 5:

Resolved, That the Committee of the Senate on Privileges and Elections be empowered to employ such clerical aid as

shall be necessary for the performance of the duties of said committee,

Was taken up and read.

Mr. Daniel moved that Senate Resolution No. 5 be referred to the Committee on Legislative Expenses;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Resolution No. 6:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Taxation be authorized to employ such clerical aid as is necessary to dispatch the business of the committee,

Was read.

Mr. Chipley moved that Senate Resolution No. 6 be referred to the Committee on Legislative Expenses;

Which was agreed to.

### Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was taken up and read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 4, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

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 Joint Resolution:

Relative to the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the offices of the comptroller and treasurer.

And the Speaker appointed the following committee on part of the House: Messrs. Harris, Carpenter and Wade.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 4, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

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 Concurrent Resolution:

Relative to the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the office of commissioner of agriculture.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the resolution contained in the above message be referred to the Committee on Legislative Expenses;

Which was agreed to.

### Reports of Committees.

Mr. Hartridge, Chairman Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

HON. F. T. MYERS, }  
SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 4, 1895. }

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bills No. 15, 16, 23, 24—

Beg to report that they have carefully examined same and favorably report upon Senate Bills Nos. 16 and 24, and recommend that they do pass; and recommend that Senate Bill No. 15 be amended by adding after word "military" in the second line of first section the words "or any office in any private corporation," and that it be further amended by adding to section 4 the following words, "all issues arising under the provisions of this act shall be tried by the judge," and that as amended it do pass.

That Senate Bill No. 23 be amended by striking out in sixth and seventh lines of section one the words "as against any creditor without notice or," and that as amended the bill do pass.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,  
Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HON. F. T. MYERS, }  
SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 4, 1895. }

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bills Nos. 35, 38 and 33.

Beg leave to report that we have carefully examined same, and do report unfavorably upon Senate Bills Nos. 38 and 35, and recommend that they do not pass.

Your committee further recommend that Senate Bill No. 33 be amended by striking out the word "robin" in the fifth line of first section, and by adding the words "or capture" after the word "kill" in second line of the same section, and that as amended it do pass.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,  
Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 4, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 27:

Have carefully examined same, and recommend that the bill be amended by striking out the first three lines of section 11 and striking out the first five words of the 4th line of said section 11, and substituting therefor the following:

"There shall be a clerk of said court, who shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and who shall hold office for the period of four years from the date of his appointment, or until his successor is appointed," and that as amended recommend that the bill do pass.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,  
Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

And the bills contained in the above reports, together with the amendments thereto, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 4, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

## Senate Bill No. 31 :

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the teachers of the public schools of the State and to provide for the payment of their salaries, to borrow money for their aid and to regulate the distribution of the school funds.

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

Very respectfully,

L. J. REEVES,

Chairman Committee on Education.

And the bill contained in above report was placed on the calendar of bills on their second reading

Mr. Chipley, Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 4, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 2 :

A bill to be entitled an act to postpone the collection of taxes for the year 1894.

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and submit the following substitute and recommend that it do pass:

Senate Bill No. 2:

An act to postpone the collection of taxes for the year 1894,

Whereas . A great calamity has fallen upon a considerable portion of Florida. And,

Whereas, The vegetable. fruit, berry and melon crops will bring some relief to many taxpayers now financially distressed.

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

Section 1. That the taxes due for 1894 and yet unpaid shall not become liable for sale until the first Monday in October, 1895.

Sec. 2. That the comptroller shall give publicity to this act immediately upon its passage by notice to the tax collectors of the State.

Your committee beg leave to report that—

Senate Bill No. 3:

A bill to be entitled an act abolishing days of grace in this State,

Has also been considered, and your committee recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

And the bills contained in above report, together with the amendments thereto offered by the committee, were passed to the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Reynolds, Chairman Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 4, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 30 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act to be entitled an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Johns River, Lake Weir and Gulf Railroad Company, approved May 27th, 1889.

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

Very respectfully,

W. H. REYNOLDS.

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

And the bill contained in above report, together with the amendments thereto offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Dougherty, Chairman Committee on Rules, called up the report of said committee, submitted to the Senate on yesterday.

The report was again read.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the word "three" be stricken from the report, and the word "five" be substituted therefor;

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the report;

Which was agreed to, and the report was adopted.

Mr. Dougherty offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the committee on rules of the two houses act as a joint committee to prepare and report joint rules to govern the transaction of business between the Senate and House of Representatives.

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the resolution;  
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Perrenot, chairman of the special committee appointed at last session of the Senate to investigate certain alleged railroad discriminations, etc., submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 4, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your committee appointed at the last session of the Legislature, under and by virtue of—

Senate Resolution No. 25 :

“Relating to the appointment of a committee to investigate the alleged discrimination and improper practices of railroad officers and employes,” to serve ad interim, and report at this session of the Legislature,

    Beg leave to report :

That said committee, after giving due notice to all concerned by publishing in several of the leading newspapers of this State the time and place of their meeting and the object thereof, met in the city of Jacksonville on the 22d day of January, 1894, and continued in session until the 30th day of said month inclusive.

The following named witnesses appeared before said committee, and were examined relative to said alleged discrimination:

W. A. Somerville,

A. M. Ives,

Frank S. Gray,

W. G. Toomer,

J. D. Holmes,

T. D. Gibbons,

W. S. Wightman,

J. G. Christopher,

W. S. Diggins,

Jas. A. Martin,

Bartow B. Pope,

Claus Mayer.

Others, namely:

W. Bours,

C. B. Rogers,

D. E. Maxwell,

T. A. Phillips,

Jas. P. Taliaferro,

Were duly subpoenaed to appear, but failed to respond.

We herewith submit, as a part of this report, a record of the testimony taken, together with the documentary evidence pertaining thereto, and beg that the same be received, and your committee discharged.

Very respectfully,

C. J. PERRENOT,  
Acting Chairman.  
J. W. WHIDDEN,  
Committee.

Mr. Whidden moved that the report be received, and the committee discharged;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chipley moved that the testimony accompanying the report be read.

Pending which—

Mr. Dougherty moved that the Senate adjourn until 12 m. to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned till to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

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## FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1895.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLinn, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected, and approved.

### Special Order.

The hour for the consideration of the special order having arrived

Senate Bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of tax payers,

Was taken up and read.

Pending which—