

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,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Reeves moved that the Senate do now adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, April 10, 1895.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 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, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, Mc Leran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Perrenot was excused for the day on account of sickness.

Mr. Fleming was excused on account of sickness.

Introduction of Resolutions.

Mr. Thomas introduced the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17:

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a committee of one from the Senate to act with a similar committee of two from the House be appointed to visit the East Florida seminary at Gainesville;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thompson offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 15:

Whereas, the comptroller's annual report for 1894 shows that there are in the sinking fund of the State, bonds of 1871 amounting to \$82,300 00, and bonds of 1873 amounting to \$160,200.00; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Taxation consider the advisability of destroying said bonds, and report its conclusions to this body.

Mr. Thompson moved that the rules be waived and the resolution adopted;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote

And Senate Resolution No. 15 was adopted.

Mr. Chipley offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 16:

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, That the Senate of Florida in regular session assembled most heartily sympathize with the Cuban patriots in their efforts to free Cuba from foreign control, and obtain for the people of that island the right of self-government so much prized by us, believing that they have the same reasons for their action that our forefathers had, of whose actions we are so justly proud;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Blich of 21st moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 22 :

A bill to be entitled an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties, regulating the payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs, and providing for the feed of prisoners and hire of convicts,

Be taken up out of its regular order and read the third time and put upon its final passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 22 was taken up out of its regular order, and read a third time and put upon its final passage.

Upon the call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Pracock, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Whidden and Williamson—26.

Nays—None.

Mr. Weeks was excused from voting.

So Senate Bill No. 22 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Blich of the 21st moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 22 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives;

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

And Senate Bill No. 22 was certified to the House of Representatives.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Marks:

Senate Bill No. 119:

A bill to be entitled an act to reorganize, encourage and increase the efficiency of the Florida volunteer militia.

Mr. Marks moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 119 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 119 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Militia.

By Mr. Marks:

Senate Bill No. 120:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville and Tampa Bay Improved and Railway company, and to grant lands to aid in its construction.

Mr. Marks moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 120 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 120 was read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Palmer of 14th:

Senate Bill No. 121:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the trial of persons the second time for offences cognizable before any municipal or other courts of this State, and prescribing penalties therefor.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 121 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 121 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 122:

A bill to be entitled an act limiting certain statutory liens.

Mr. Phipps moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 122 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 122 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Blitch of 20th:

Senate Bill No. 123:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring Badger's text book on the Constitution of Florida for the use of schools, to be taught in the common schools of Florida.

Mr. Blitch of 20th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 123 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 123 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Blich of 20th:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 124 :

A resolution proposing an amendment to section 17, article 31, of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Mr. Blich of 20th moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 124 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 124 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Hartridge:

Senate Bill No. 125 :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a uniform system of examinations for admission to the bar of the courts of the State.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 125 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 125 was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Hartridge:

Senate Bill No. 126 :

A bill to be entitled an act for the appointment of official stenographers for the circuit courts of the State of Florida.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 126 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 126 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Senate Bill No. 127 :

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of low lands and navigable streams and to regulate hydraulic mining in the State of Florida.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 127 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 127 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Chipley:

Senate Bill No. 128:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 936 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relative to the protection of ports and harbors.

Mr. Phipps moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 128 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 128 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Dougherty:

Senate Bill No. 129:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 2, 6, 9, 11 and 18, chapter 4272, of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to incorporate the Savings and Trust bank of Florida, and to confer certain rights and privileges thereon, and to enlarge the powers and privileges of said bank.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 129 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 129 was read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Dougherty:

Senate Bill No. 130:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the practice in respect to writs of garnishment, and to prescribe the duties of garnishees.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 130 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 130 was read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Chipley, by request:

Senate Bill No. 131:

A bill to be entitled an act to vest in municipal corporations title to the water front thereof for the benefit of commerce, and to regulate subsequent conveyance thereof.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 131 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 131 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

The President appointed Senators Bitch of 21st and Genovar on the part of the Senate on the committee to visit the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at St. Augustine.

Consideration of Resolutions.

House Resolution No. 11:

Relative to the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the Agricultural College and Experimental Station at Lake City and sub-experimental stations,

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Darby moved that House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

House Resolution No. 15;

Relative to appointment of a joint committee to investigate the books and papers of the Land Office,

Was taken up and read.

Mr. Adams moved the consideration of House Resolution No. 15 be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

House Resolution No. 29½:

Appointing a joint committee to visit the convict camps,

Was taken up and read the second time.

Pending its consideration—

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Special Order.

The hour of 11 the hour set apart for the consideration of Senate Bill No. 52:

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,"

As a special order, having arrived, the Senate proceeded with the consideration of the special order.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 52:

In line 7, section 1 (printed bill), after the 4th word add "Provided, They serve on the jury, otherwise they shall receive one dollar per day and mileage, at the rate of five cents for each mile traveled in going and returning from court by the nearest practicable route.

Mr. Adams moved, that the amendment be adopted.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to the amendment:

After the word "receive," in the third line, add the word "only," and after the word "day," in the third line, add "for the day that they are excused."

Mr. Thompson moved the adoption of the amendment to the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Thompson moved that the amendment as amended be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 52:

In line 2, section 3, in printed bill, strike out the word "two" and insert the word "his;"

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 52:

In line 2, section 3, printed bill, strike out the word "two" and substitute the word "his," and after the word "law," in the second line of section 3, strike out the word "and" and substitute therefor the word "but," and after the word "of," in the third line, add the words "only two."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Weeks offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Strike out the word "two," and insert "four" in the amendment.

Mr. Weeks moved the adoption of the amendment to the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge's amendment to Senate Bill No. 52,

Was agreed to.

Mr. Hicks offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 52:

In lines 10 and 11, section 1, strike out the words "jurors summoned by coroners to hold inquests of the dead," and in line 13, after the word "route" insert "jurors summoned by coroner to hold inquests of the dead, shall receive one dollar for each day they serve on said jury, and the mileage as stated aforesaid."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 52, together with amendments, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Consideration of House Resolution No. 29½ was resumed.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment:

In line 4, immediately after the words "Senate" insert the words "be appointed."

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the resolution as amended;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17:

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a committee of one from the Senate, to act

with a similar committee of two from the House, be appointed to visit the East Florida seminary at Gainesville,
Was read a second time.

Mr. Thomas moved that the resolution be adopted;
Which was agreed to.

Senate Resolution No. 16:

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, That the Senate of Florida in regular session as assembled most heartily sympathize with the Cuban patriots in their efforts to free Cuba from foreign control, and obtain for the people of that island the right of self-government so much prized by us, believing that they have the same reasons for their action that our forefathers had, of whose actions we are so justly proud,

Was read the second time.

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

Messages from the House.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 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 appointing a joint committee to investigate the work on the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company.

And request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The resolution contained in the above report was read first time and laid over until tomorrow.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 29:

To be entitled an act to define and punish slander.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 29, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 29 was read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 43:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 2846 and 2848 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to executive officers of justices of the peace and county judges' courts.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Mr. McLin moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 43 contained in above message be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 43 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled an act to require promises-to-pay debts barred by the statute of limitations to be in writing.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. McLin moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 50, contained in above message, be read first time by its title:

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

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

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 52:

To be entitled an act relating to the issuing and serving of summons ad respondendum subpoenas and other process in civil cases.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Phipps moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 52, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

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

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 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 passed—

Senate Bill No. 40:

A bill 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.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 40, contained in above message, was referred to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 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 Resolution No. 10:

Relative to appointing a joint committee of two to visit and examine the State deaf and dumb asylum at St. Augustine.

And request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And the resolution contained in above message was laid over until tomorrow.

Reports of Committees.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Bill No. 117;

A bill to be entitled an act to raise a fund to pay jurors.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and report herewith a substitute for said bill, and recommend that the substitute do pass.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,

Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

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

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Bill No. 112:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2560 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to offences against public justice and official duty.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that the bill be amended by substituting after the figures "2560" the following title as it appears in the Revised Statutes, to-wit: "Perjury otherwise than in judicial proceedings."

And recommend that as amended, the bill do pass.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,

Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Bill No. 108:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2908 of the revised statutes of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to state that having already reported a bill embracing the same subject matter, they report this bill without recommendation.

And,

Senate Bill No. 113:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to keeping of public records, books, dockets, papers, files, etc., by public officers, and the inspection, examination, etc., thereof, by the public generally.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and report same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,
Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

And the bills contained in the above report were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 111 :

A bill to be entitled an act prohibiting the issuing of checks to laborers, and providing punishment therefor.

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

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,
Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

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

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Bill No. 115:

A bill entitled an act authorizing the sale of collateral security.

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

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,
Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Bill No. 80 :

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for selling property for taxes that may become due for the year 1895

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and return bill to the Senate with consent of the introducer, as the object of the bill will be incorporated in the general revenue bill.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. McLin was permitted to withdraw Senate Bill No. 80, contained in the above report.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation have had under consideration—

Senate Bill No. 1 and proposed amendments,

And after careful examination of same beg leave to report that in the opinion of your committee the State nor its citizens would be benefited by the passage of the bill.

The measure is one of great scope, and your committee believe that its passage would result in greater financial distress than now exists.

The taxes proposed to be suspended by the bill are made payable all at one time. Not merely the amount of the taxes, but with interest added.

The time for this payment is fixed at a date prior to that period when the orange trees in the stricken counties will again be in bearing.

This fact suggests that the citizens of these counties must turn to other fruits and other crops for relief, while the orange industry is being revived, and this can be done as well in 1896 as a year or two later.

To aid our citizens on the line suggested, your committee has approved a bill suspending the collection of unpaid taxes for 1894, until October, 1895.

Your committee will in due time, in the general revenue bill to be submitted later, recommend that the tax assessment for 1895 be reduced to a valuation based upon its value on March 1st, 1895, instead of January 1st, 1895, and will further recommend that the collection of taxes under this assessment be made delinquent June 1st, 1896, with authority to the board of county commissioners to extend the collection to a date not later than September 1st, 1896, if the condition of their respective counties demand same.

Your committee, appreciating the earnest and patriotic sentiment that led to the introduction of Senate Bill No. 1, will not dwell upon its provisions except to express the belief that its passage would—

(a). Destroy the credit of the State and render it impossible for the governor to borrow money to administer the government as suggested in said bill, which would amount in three years to over four million dollars less the amount of taxes voluntarily paid in cash, which would be small.

(b). A large amount of personal property would during three years drift from under the lien set up by the certificates provided for in bill.

(c). It would be impossible to compel taxpayers to sign the certificates if they objected.

(d). If the rate of interest on the certificates should be placed high enough to induce any considerable number of taxpayers, who are able to do so, to pay cash, it would create a burden upon those whose necessities force them to pay in certificates.

(e). The liens upon real estate would lead to confusion and trouble in titles.

(g). Immigration would cease, development would be checked, and capital would seek other fields for investment when it became known that the State had decided to borrow money to administer the government for three years.

(h). In event of failure to borrow money your schools would be closed.

Your committee is not prepared to believe that the citizens of the citrus fruit counties are willing to send out the announcement to the world that their livelihood depends absolutely upon the orange culture, and that they must be relieved of their State obligations, and supported in their county governments by the State for three years.

The census of 1890 showed the average mortgage indebtedness of the States of the Union to be \$97 per capita. In

Florida the average is only \$10 per capita, about four tenths of the general average.

The Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Florida, in his biennial report, gives the following statistics for 1893:

TOTAL VALUE OF ALL PRODUCTS.

Field crops,	\$7,418,424 00
Vegetable and garden products,	1,070,405 00
Fruit crops,	5,306,125 92
Live stock,	8,809,851 00
Poultry,	632,851 00
Dairy products,	1,011,355 00
Miscellaneous products,	402,018 45
Total,	<u>\$24,651,030 37</u>

Your committee would emphasize that the entire fruit crop of the State as given above, including every description of fruit, in every section of the State, amounted before the freeze to only about twenty per cent. of the total value of the products of the State, and your committee does not think that a disaster to a portion of this fruit crop would justify the adoption of the unprecedented and untried measures provided for in Senate Bill No. 1.

Your committee feels the greatest sympathy for the citrus fruit growers of the State, and your committee's first official act was to recommend relief in the matter of unpaid taxes for 1894, and will recommend other relief as explained herein. Your committee has testimony from citrus growers that this aid will be sufficient, and therefore with these facts before the committee, and with an abiding faith in the resources and future of Florida, your committee recommend that Senate Bill No. 1 do not pass.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Finance and Taxation Committee.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that no part of the above report, except the recommendations of the committee with reference to Senate Bill No. 1, be printed.

The motion was not agreed to.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 116:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish days of grace.

Beg to report that they have carefully examined the same and return bill to Senate without recommendation, as a similar bill has been reported favorably, and same is now before the Senate.

Very respectfully,
W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 81:

A bill to be entitled an act to limit the time within which a tax deed may be executed.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and ask that your committee be relieved from further consideration of same, and that said bill be referred to your Judiciary committee.

Very respectfully,
W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Chipley moved that the recommendation of the committee be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McLin moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate stood adjourned 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, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks and Williamson—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Reports of Committees.

Consideration of reports of committees was resumed.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Joint Resolution No. 59:

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the next Congress to increase the duties on oranges and pineapples.

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

Very respectfully,

E. B. BAILEY,

Chairman Committee on Agriculture.

And the Joint Resolution contained in the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 47:

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

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

Very respectfully,

E. B. BAILEY,

Chairman Committee on Agriculture.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 91:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Dickson Mill and Trade company,

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and return without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER. }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Bill No. 78:

A bill to be entitled an act to grant to the Tampa Suburban Railway Company the right to condemn lands along its right of way.

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 the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Marks, Chairman of the Committee on Immigration, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 106.

Beg leave to state that the committee offer the accompanying substitute.

Very respectfully,

M. R. MARKS,
Chairman Committee on Immigration.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 41:

A bill to prohibit the throwing dynamite or other explosives in the waters of this State.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

L. J. REEVES,
Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And the bill contained in the above report was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States asking the purchase of Appomattox for purposes of a national park and the erection of a memorial monument therein.

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

Very respectfully.

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 66:

To be entitled an act to legalize the assessment and levies of taxes for the years 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894, by the city of Key West, and to prescribe the mode of collecting the same.

Your Committee recommend said bill favorably, with the following amendment:

In line 3, section 3, after the word "claims" add the words "except taxes due the State and county."

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Acting Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 87:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal section 5 of chapter 4014 of the Laws of 1891, relating to county commissioners' compensation.

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

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Acting Chairman City and County Organization.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 90:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize one hundred thousand dollars of bonds issued by the city of Key West for the construction of water works and fire protection within said city.

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

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Acting Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 94:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county commissioners of Escambia county to use for other purposes any funds raised by the sales of bonds issued under the provisions of chapter 4287 of the Laws of Florida, not needed for the purposes for which such bonds were issued.

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

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Acting Ch'm'n Committee on City and County Organization.

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

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 98:

An act to amend section 591 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida relating to the issuing of bonds by boards of county commissioners "

Your committee, with the following amendments, report said bill favorably.

In third line of first section after 591 add "purposes for which bonds may i-sue, and resolution of commissioners."

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

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Acting Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

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

Mr. Hicks, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was recommended—

Senate Bill No. 25:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2757, article 13, of Revised Statutes of Florida, for the preservation of fisheries,

As amended.

Beg leave to report that they recommend that the bill as

amended do pass; but as to the proposed amendments, they make no recommendation.

Very respectfully,

HENRY C. HICKS,

Chairman Committee on Fisheries.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 10, 1895.

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Rules, to whom was referred—Senate resolution referring to the rules of the Senate, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following as an amendment to the resolution:

Strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert "that rule 5 of the standing rules be amended so as to read as follows:

"When a question is under debate, the President shall entertain no motion but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to day certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged, and a motion to lay on the table and to adjourn, shall be determined without debate, except a motion to adjourn to a time certain. When a substitute is offered and taken up for consideration, it shall be subject to amendment in the same manner as the original proposition; and the effect of the rejection of the substitute, or of the substitute as amended, shall be to reinstate the original for consideration."

Your committee further recommend that the "order of business" be amended by adding after the word "appointments" the words "and suspensions."

Also, that the "Rules Governing Executive Sessions" be amended by inserting after rule 8 the following:

"Rule 9. Communications from the Governor as to the suspension or removal of officers shall be considered in executive session, and, unless otherwise ordered, shall lay over for action to the executive session next succeeding that at which they are laid before the Senate."

"Rule 10. Executive sessions shall be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 o'clock."

Very respectfully,

CHARLES DOUGHERTY,
Chairman Committee on Rules.

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the resolution as amended;

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Marks introduced—

Senate Bill No. 132 :

A bill to be entitled an act relative to certain notes, or other instruments of writing for the payment of money.

Mr. Marks moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 132 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 132 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By permission—

Mr. Palmer of the 11th introduced

Senate Bill No. 133 :

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize administrators and executors to take possession of the lands belonging to the estates represented by them, and for the sale of said lands, or any portion thereof, when the same cannot be equitably divided among the heirs or devisees.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 133 be read first time by its title ;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 133 was read a first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By permission—

Mr. Palmer of 11th introduced

Senate Bill No. 134:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2908 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and to repeal section 2919 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 134 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 134 was read first time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By permission—

Mr. Palmer of the 11th introduced

Senate Bill No. 135:

A bill to amend section 3 of an act to establish a criminal

court of record in the county of Hillsborough, approved April 10, 1893.

Mr. Palmer moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 135 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 135 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By permission—

Mr. Palmer of the 11th introduced

Senate Bill No. 136:

To amend sections 2440 and 2441 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 136 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 136 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By permission—

Mr. Palmer of the 11th introduced

Senate Bill No. 137:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent trespassing on the property of water-works companies in the State of Florida.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 137 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 137 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By permission—

Mr. Reeves introduced

Senate Bill No. 138:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish and maintain a uniform series of text books to be used in the public schools of the State of Florida, and providing for the purchase and sale of the same.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 138 be read a first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 138 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By permission—

Mr. Blich, of the 20th, introduced

Senate Bill No. 139:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Agricultural Land Co.

Mr. Blich of the 20th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 139 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 139 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The President appointed the following committee on the part of the Senate,

To visit convict camps, Blitch of 20th.

To visit East Florida seminary at Gainesville, Mr. Thomas.

To visit Agricultural College and Experimental Farm at Lake City, Mr. McKinney.

Bills on Second Reading.

Senate Bill No. 3:

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

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment:

In line 3, section 1, after the word "indebtedness" insert "except on sight demands."

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to, and Senate Bill No. 3, as amended, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Senate Bill No. 7:

A bill to be entitled an act to dispose of condemned cannon, Was taken up.

Mr. Chipley was permitted to withdraw Senate Bill No. 7.

Senate Memorial No. 2:

Relative to securing universal peace, or lessening the chances of war,

Was taken up.

Mr. Bailey moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Memorial No. 2 be read second time by its title only;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Memorial No. 2 was read the second time by its title only and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Senate Memorial No. 1:

Relative to securing an appropriation for immediate relief of citizens in event of Providential calamities in any section of the United States of America,

Was taken up.

Mr. Bailey moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Memorial No. 1 be read the second time by its title only;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Memorial No. 1 was read the second time by its title only, and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Senate Bill No. 37:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable State convicts who

have served a long period, with good behavior, to have their applications for pardon properly presented to the pardoning board, and for other purposes,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

Add at the end of section 2 "Provided, He has served a term of one year in the penitentiary."

Mr. Palmer of the 14th moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of the 14th offered the following amendment:

Add after the last of section 2, "provided then the suit of clothes shall not cost more than \$8.00."

Mr. Bailey moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 37 was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Senate Bill No. 28:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to authorize the appointment of a State inspector of illuminating oils and fluids, and to define his duties, being chapter 4160 of the Laws of Florida,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Chipley moved that Senate Bill No. 31, as amended, be taken from the table and considered;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

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 school funds,

Was taken up and read.

Mr. Chipley offered the following amendment:

In line 2, section 6, in printed bill, add the words "when needed for the purpose of paying teachers."

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blich of 20th offered the following amendment:

In line 3, section 2, strike out all of said section after the word "warrants," and substitute therefor the words "the board shall mail such notice to each teacher in possession of said warrants, and after such notice is issued, interest on the warrants so held shall cease, whether presented for payment or not."

Mr. Blich of 20th moved the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was withdrawn.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

Strike out all of section 2.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McLin offered the following amendment:

In line 4, section 2, after the word "county" in section 2, add the words "naming the warrants by number in the order of their issuing to teachers, that said board may have funds to pay off."

Mr. McLin moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hicks offered the following amendment:

In line 2, section 6, strike out the words "8 per cent," and substitute therefor the words "10 per cent."

Mr. Hicks moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Hicks withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Weeks offered the following amendment:

In line 1, section 1, printed bill, after the word "teachers," add "and county superintendents of public instruction."

Mr. Weeks moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 31, as amended, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate do now adjourn until tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 11 o'clock Thursday morning, April 11, 1895.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 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, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, 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.