

Senate Bill No. 358:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the assessment and collection of revenue,

Was resumed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

At 11 A. M. Mr. Dougherty raised the point of no quorum. The President ordered a call of the roll.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blich of 21st, Broome, Dougherty, Genovar, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Reynolds, Thomas and Williamson—13.

No quorum present.

The President instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring in absent members.

The Sergeant at-Arms thereupon went in search of the absentees.

The Sergeant-at-Arms reported that he was unable to find any of the absentees.

The President thereupon instructed the Sergeant at-Arms to make further effort to find the absentees.

At 11:05 A. M., Mr. Dougherty moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

The yeas and nays were called for.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Broome, Chipley, Dougherty, Fleming, Hicks, Marks, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Thompson, Whidden and Williamson—18.

Nays—Messrs. Darby, Genovar, McKinney, Palmer of 14th, Thomas and Weeks—6.

So the Senate stood adjourned until 3:30 P. M. Saturday, May 25, 1895.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1895.

3:30 P. M.

The Senate convened pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and 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, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran,

McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Ferrenot, 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.

Mr. Darby requested that he be permitted to withdraw his motion made on yesterday to indefinitely postpone Senate Bill No. 358;

Which was granted.

The President announced that the floral offering upon his desk had been sent to the members of the Senate with the compliments of Mrs. Governor Mitchell and Mrs. C. B. Collins.

Mr. Adams moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Governor H. L. Mitchell and Mrs. C. B. Collins for the beautiful bouquet of flowers presented to the Senate through the chair with their compliments;

Which was agreed to by a rising vote.

And the Secretary was requested to communicate to the donors the action of the Senate as expressed in the above motion.

### Introduction of Resolutions.

Mr. Dougherty offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, That the one populist Senator having made the following announcements in his remarks: "They having obstructed my legislation, I propose to obstruct theirs." "I am satisfied the Senate will indefinitely postpone the bill, as I propose to postpone it myself," or having used words and made various statements to that effect, it is the sense of the Senate that no "obstruction" in the parliamentary acceptance of the term has been offered to any legislation proposed by the senator.

That it is the sense of the Senate that no one senator shall obstruct its proceedings.

That it is further the sense of the Senate that during the remainder of the session of the Legislature, all proceedings shall be carried on under the five minute rule, and that the time allowed a senator in which to explain his vote shall not exceed one minute.

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Adams offered the following substitute for Mr. Dougherty's resolution:

Whereas, only a few days remain in which much important legislation must be enacted; therefore, be it

Resolved, That during the remainder of the session no member shall be allowed to speak oftener than once nor longer than five minutes on the same subject unless permission be granted by a majority of this body, and shall be allowed one minute in which to explain his vote.

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the substitute.

The question being upon the motion of Mr. Adams to adopt the substitute,

The yeas and nays were called for.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Darby, Genovar, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Reynolds, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks and Williamson—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Thompson and Whidden—15.

So the substitute was adopted.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the substitute as a rule of the Senate.

The yeas and nays were called for.

Upon call of roll the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Darby, Genovar, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Reynolds, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks and Whidden—18.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Thompson and Williamson—14.

So the substitute was not adopted as a rule of the Senate.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act in relation to the capture or killing of food fishes in certain waters within Volusia county.

Also,

An act to prohibit the introduction into this State and the sale therein of horses, mules, cattle, hogs or other domestic

animals, which may be or are at the time of their introduction or sale suffering from diseases known as glanders, farcy, cholera, Texas fever, or other virulent, infectious or contagious diseases, or which were known at the time of such introduction or sale to have been in contact with any such animals having had any such diseases, and prescribing penalties for the violation of this act.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and report them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully.

A. W. McLERAN,  
Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

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Also,

An act to prohibit prize fighting, pugilistic exhibitions and kindred offences.

Also,

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Also,

An act for the relief of William Jackson.

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An act to prescribe the method of procedure for the forfeiture and collection of bail bonds given for the appearance of persons charged with criminal offences before the courts of this State, when conditions of such bonds are broken.

Also,

An act to authorize the county of Monroe to bond itself in the sum of \$500,000 for the purpose of constructing a public highway and necessary trestling and drawbridges to connect the island of Key West with Key Largo.

Also,

An act to amend section 3 of an act entitled an act to establish a criminal court of record in the county of Hillsborough.

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An act to regulate the terms of the county courts in this State, and to prescribe the duties and compensation of the officers thereof.

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An act to authorize the Governor to appoint a commission to aid in locating the position and movements of Florida troops at the battle of Gettysburg, and to provide funds to pay the expenses of said commission.

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An act to enable State convicts who have served a long period with good behavior to have their applications for pardons properly presented to the pardoning board, and for other purposes.

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Also,

An act to amend sections 2217, 2218, 2219, 2221, 2222, 2223 and 2224, Revised Statutes of the State of Florida relating to insurance.

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An act to require railroad companies, other companies and persons operating railroads or running cars or trains in this State to prepare and put up blackboards for posting the marks, brands, color and sex of live stock killed or injured by engines or cars, requiring certain railroad employes to report the killing of such live stock, and to keep a record of and to post the marks, brands, color and sex thereof, and providing penalties for failure so to do, and for burying the carcasses of live stock so killed before a report of the same is posted, and to repeal chapter 4189 of the Laws of Florida.

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The acts were thereupon duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

### Consideration of Resolutions.

#### Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby, instructed to prepare immediately after the adjournment of the Legislature a tabulated statement of the total expenses of the Senate and House of Representatives separately.

Resolved further, That said statement of the expenses of the Senate shall be certified to, by the Secretary of the Senate, and attached to the Journal of the last day's proceedings of this Senate and the statement of the expenses of the House of Representatives shall be certified to by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and attached to the Journal of the last day's proceedings of the House of Representatives, Was taken up and read the second time.

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

Mr. Williamson was excused for the balance of the day.

### Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 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—

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 214:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the municipal officers of the city of Jacksonville, a municipal corporation existing in Duval county, Fla., to prescribe their terms of office, provide for their election and appointment, and regulate their compensation, and to repeal chapter 4301, Laws of Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate substitute for Senate Bill No. 214 was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

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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. 387:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to surety companies.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 387, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 387 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also the following:

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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. 274:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4228 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to prescribe the times and places for holding the circuit courts in the judicial districts of the State of Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 274, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 274 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA, May 25, 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. 345:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the examination of the muster rolls of the Florida troops engaged in the Seminole Indian war.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 345, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 345 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA , May 25, 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. 312:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the taking of fish in the Anclote river, in the county of Hillsborough, in the State of Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 312, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 312 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 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. 366:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to organize a county court in and for DeSoto county, to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney and for his compensation, and for the compensation of the judge of said court, approved May 17, 1893,

With amendments.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. Whidden moved that the Senate concur in House amendments;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 366, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 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. 369:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit lotteries and games of chance, and to prescribe penalties therefor.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 369 was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 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. 182:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Western Peninsular Railroad Company, and to grant certain aid in the construction thereof, approved May 26, 1893.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 182 was referred to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 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. 255 :

A bill to be entitled an act confirming the rights, powers and franchise of the Tropical Development and Navigation company of Florida, and granting aid thereto,

With amendments.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. Reynolds moved that House amendments be concurred in;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 255, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 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 declined to concur in Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate Bill No. 313—

After the word "one," insert "one-half." Also add to the word "mill" the letter "s."

And have discharged its Committee of Conference on said amendments.

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

Mr. Adams moved that the Senate insist upon its amendments to the House amendments to Senate Bill No. 313, and ask for a free conference on same;

Which was agreed to.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 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, with an amendment—

## Senate Bill No. 295:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Titusville, Canaveral and Peninsular Railroad company, and to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the same.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. Morrow moved that the Senate concur in the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 295, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 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 declined to concur in Senate amendments to—

House Bill No. 116:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for additional examinations of teachers and to amend sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 16, 17, and 19 of an act entitled "an act to prescribe rules and regulations for licensing teachers, to provide for uniform examinations, to secure fairness in examinations and in issuing teachers' certificates, and for other purposes.

And respectfully request that the Senate recede from its amendments.

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

Mr. Reeves moved that the Senate insist upon its substitute for House Bill No. 116, and that a free conference on the same be requested;

Which was agreed to.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 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 Memorial No. 80 :

In reference to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of sixteen to one by the government of the United States of America.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. Thompson moved that the rules be waived, and House Memorial No. 80, contained in above message, be read first time by its title ;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Memorial No. 80 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

### Reports of Committees.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate Bill No. 368:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the South Florida Military and Educational Institute and to provide an appropriation therefor.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that the accompanying substitute be adopted.

Very respectfully,  
L. J. REEVES,  
Chairman Committee on Education.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 319:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the First Presbyterian church at Ocala, Florida.

And,

House Bill No. 349:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 3 and 10 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Central Peninsular Muck Mining and Development Company, and to define its rights and powers, approved June 2, 1893.

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

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank and Trust Company, and to confer certain rights and privileges thereon.

Also,

An act to repeal chapter 4219 of the laws of 1893, entitled an act to establish a county court in and for Columbia county, Florida.

Also,

An act to prohibit prize fighting, pugilistic exhibitions, and kindred offences.

Also,

An act to amend section 1089 of the Revised Statutes relating to the charge of jury.

Also,

An act for the relief of William Jackson.  
 Beg leave to report that they have been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act in relation to the capture or killing of food fishes in certain waters within Volusia county.

Also,

An act to prohibit the introduction into this State and the sale therein of horses, mules, cattle, hogs or other domestic animals which may be or are at the time of their introduction or sale suffering from diseases known as glanders, farcy, cholera, Texas fever or other virulent, infectious or contagious diseases, or which were known at the time of such introduction or sale to have been in contact with any of such animals having had any of such diseases, and prescribing penalties for the violation of this act.

Beg leave to report that they have been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act supplementary to an act entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, approved May 16, 1889, and to extend the powers of said municipality.

Also,

An act to provide the method of procedure in the forfeiture and collection of bail bonds given for the appearance of persons charged with criminal offences, before the courts of this State, when the conditions of such bonds are broken.

Also,

An act to authorize the county of Monroe to bond itself in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of constructing a public highway and necessary trestling and drawbridges to connect the island of Key West with Key Largo.

Also,

An act to amend section 3 of an act entitled an act to establish a criminal court of record in the county of Hillsborough.

Also,

An act to regulate the terms of the county courts in this State, and to prescribe the duties and compensation of the officers thereof.

Also,

An act to authorize the Governor to appoint a commission to aid in locating the positions and movements of Florida troops at the battle of Gettysburg, and to provide funds to pay the expenses of said commission.

Also,

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.

\* Beg leave to report that they have been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to incorporate the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to amend sections 2217, 2218, 2219, 2221, 2222,

2223 and 2224, Revised Statutes of the State of Florida relating to insurance.

Also,

An act to require railroad companies, other companies and persons operating railroads or running cars or trains in this State, to prepare and put up black boards for posting the marks, brands, color and sex of live stock killed or injured by engines or cars, requiring certain railroad employes to report the killing of such live stock and to keep a record of and to post the marks, brands, color and sex thereof, and providing penalties for failure so to do and burying carcasses of live stock so killed before a report of the same is posted, and to repeal chapter 4189 of the Laws of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

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

An act for the better protection of growing crops.

Also,

An act to extend and define the corporate powers of the State Bank of Florida.

Also,

A concurrent resolution relating to the establishment of a mail route to Gasparilla, at Boca Grande, in the county of Lee.

Also,

A memorial to the congress of the United States asking an appropriation of \$50,000 for the deepening of the channel at the mouth of Carrabelle river up to the town of Carrabelle, and for the improvement of the Carrabelle harbor.

Also,

An act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections.

Also,

An act to abolish the municipality of the town of Clermont in Lake county, Florida.

Also,

An act to provide for the taking of the census of the State of Florida in the year 1895.

Also,

An act in relation to the negotiability of certain instruments having provision for the payment of certain changes therein embodied, and providing for the transfer and deposit as collateral security.

Also,

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Fort White, in the county of Columbia, State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Fort White valid and of full force and effect.

Also,

An act to authorize the city commissioners of the municipality of Key West to fix the salary of its own officers.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Johns River, Lake Weir and Gulf Railroad company. Approved May 27, 1889.

Also,

An act to change the name of the Gainesville, Rocky Point and Micanopy Railway company, to extend and enlarge its charter and to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the extension of said railway, and for other purposes.

Beg leave to report that they have been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Bitch of the 20th, Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate the Convict Camps, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your committee appointed to visit the convict camps would respectfully submit the following: All methods of dealing with criminals—and the world has seen many—have been based upon the greatest good to the greatest number; but time, which destroys many illusions, has seen more than one of these vaunted panaceas tend to perpetuate the very disorder it was intended to alleviate. Whatever else these convicts may be they are public charges, and we owe it to

ourselves in self defence to do with them the best that can be done. At one time I favored the employment of these men upon our roads and other public works. This plan, I am now convinced, would be too expensive, especially in view of the financial condition of the State, and the demands of the people for retrenchment; therefore, I am inclined to favor the lease system for the present.

It has been asserted that the lease system is unworthy an enlightened age, no matter how well administered. My investigation of the various convict camps, as your committee, justifies the contradiction of this assertion. The various camps are well ventilated, and sanitation very fair. The food, so far as I had an opportunity to determine, was sufficient and well cooked. I conversed with the convicts, separately and collectively, and I am prepared to report that no complaint was made by a single inmate of the camps.

By reason of my experience as a physician in visiting many of the sick, employed in and about the various phosphate mines, I am warranted in stating that the quarters of the convicts in many of the camps are far superior to those of the free laborers above referred to.

Very respectfully,

S. H. BLITCH.

Which was ordered spread on the Journal.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 9:30 o'clock Monday morning;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Monday morning, May 27, 1895.

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## MONDAY, MAY 27, 1895.

The Senate convened pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blicht of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hart-ridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Weeks and Whidden—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.