

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 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, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend sections 5 and 6 of chapter 4122, Laws of Florida, it being an act prescribing the qualifications of jurors, the manner of selecting and drawing the same, and fixing the number which shall constitute a grand jury, approved June 2, 1893, and to amend section 1158 of the Revised Statutes, providing for the supplying of a deficiency of jurors to try any case.

Also,

An act to incorporate the DeSoto, Lee and Gulf Railway Company.

Also,

An act to amend section 2908 of Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to sworn statement of accused persons.

Also,

Joint resolution proposing amendment to section 17 of article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the number of legislative proceedings.

Also,

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 6, of article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating

to supreme court, and the publication of all laws enacted by the Legislature.

Also,

An act fixing rule days and providing for the fixing of trial terms in county judges' courts and courts of justice of the peace.

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

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend an act approved June 8, 1887, entitled an act to revoke and abolish the present municipal government of the town of DeLand, and to organize a city government for the said town; and also to amend an act approved June 1, 1893, entitled an act to amend chapter 3781 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to revoke and abolish the present municipal government of the town of DeLand, and to organize a city government for said town.

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

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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for the said town, and also to amend an act approved June 1, 1893, entitled an act to amend chapter 3781, of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to revoke and abolish the present municipal government of the town of DeLand and to organize a city government for said town.

Beg leave to report that they have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and herewith present the same for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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An act fixing rule days and providing for the fixing of trial terms in county judges' courts and courts of justices of the peace.

Beg leave to report that they have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President gave notice that he was about to sign—

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Also,

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 17, article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the number of legislative proceedings.

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The acts were thereupon duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chair-

man of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

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

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Beg leave to report that it has been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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Also,

An act fixing rule days and providing for the fixing of trial terms of county judges' courts and courts of justice of the peace.

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.

Introduction of Resolutions.

By permission—

Mr. Reynolds offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The expense for witnesses before the joint committee appointed to investigate the matter of fraudulent bonds amounted to \$89.10. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the sergeant-at-arms be authorized to place one half of this amount on the Senate pay roll for the payment of said witnesses.

Mr. Reynolds moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

A message from the Governor was received.

Introduction of Bills.

By permission—

Mr. Darby introduced:

Senate Bill No. 378:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 571, relating to auditing claims for pensions.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 378 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 378 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 378 was read a second time by its title.

□ Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 378 be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 378 was read the third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McKinney, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Reynolds, Wadsworth, Weeks and Whidden—20.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 378 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 378 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up messages from the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to.

Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 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. 334:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Geo. W. Carlton, S. A. Parramour, Jno. C. Calhoun, J. J. Garnto, S. E. R. Baxter, J. F. McMullin, Samuel Blue, J. B. Hardee, Jno. W. Sorrell, A. J. Aman, J. G. York, N. S. Blitch, J. W. Williams and J. A. Jackson.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 334, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 334 was read first time by its title.

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 334 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 334 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 334 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 334 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Daniel, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks and Whidden—17.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 334 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 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. 340:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the refunding of criminal costs in certain cases.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 340, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 340 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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. 409:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide bond trustees for the town of Kissimmee City, and to prescribe their duties and powers.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 409, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 409 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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. 166 :

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate moneys for the construction of necessary additional buildings for purposes of the Florida asylum for the indigent insane; to prescribe the duties of the board of commissioners of State institutions in relation thereto.

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

And Senate Bill No. 166 was referred to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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. 269:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county of Brevard to issue bonds for the purpose of constructing good county roads.

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

And Senate Bill No. 269 was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 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. 231:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1989, Revised Statutes of Florida, relative to mortgaged land in different counties.

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

And Senate Bill No. 231 was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 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. 184 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 3823, Laws of Florida, 1887, entitled an act granting lands to the Orange Canal and Transit Company, and for other purposes, and to confirm all rights, title and interest granted in the same to the Florida Orange Canal and Transit Company.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 184 was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 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. 322:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1895.

With the following amendments:

In line 29, section 2, strike out the word "four" and the figures "\$4.00." and substitute therefor the word "five" and and figures "\$5.00" as pay per diem for janitor.

And,

After the word "passage" insert the words "and approval by the Governor."

And,

Amend the title by inserting the words, "A bill to be entitled."

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. McLeran moved that the Senate concur in House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 322;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 322 as amended was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The President handed down the following communication:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
TALLAHASSEE, May 29, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have this day approved the following bills originating in the Senate, to-wit:

An act to prevent persons from enticing seamen to abandon their vessels.

An act to incorporate the Agriculture Land Company of Florida.

An act to establish at Bartow, Florida, the South Florida Military and Educational Institute, and to provide an appropriation therefor.

An act to amend the city charter of the city of Tampa.

A memorial to the congress of the United States asking an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for the harbor of and deepening the water approaches to the city of Apalachicola, Franklin county, Florida.

And have filed the same with the Secretary of State.

Very respectfully,

H. L. MITCHELL,

Governor of Florida.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 405:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the State governments for six months of the year 1895, and for the year 1893, and for six months of the year 1897.

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

Very respectfully,

F. ADAMS,

Chairman Committee on Appropriations.

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

Mr. Whidden, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 339:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 17 of an act approved June 4, 1891, entitled an act to provide for establishing, working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges in the several counties of this State, and to provide punishment for failure thereof.

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

Very respectfully,

J. W. WHIDDEN,
Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

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., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred—

House Joint Resolution No. 64:

Relating to the reclamation and drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands of the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

J. W. WHIDDEN,
Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

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

House Bill No. 286:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a county primary certificate.

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

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

House Bill No. 329:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the employment of pilots.

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

Very respectfully,

C. J. PERRENOT,

Chairman Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

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

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and the Senate proceed to consideration of House Bill No. 395;

Which was agreed to.

Consideration of—

House Bill No. 395:

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

Was resumed.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment:

In line 43, section 9, strike out all after the word "of" down to the word "for" in line 44, and substitute therefor the words "seven hundred and fifty dollars county license and the municipal governments of this State may levy an additional license not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McLeran offered the following amendment:

In line 61, section 9, after the word "dealers" add the following: "But this shall not be construed so as to allow makers of domestic wines to sell the same in counties or election districts, where the sale of liquors, wines and beer are prohibited by law."

Mr. McLeran moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

In line 108, section 9, between the words "or" and "vendors," insert the word "street."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment:

In line 172, section 9, strike out the words after the word "license" down to and including the word "time" in line 180, and substitute therefor the words "in cities or towns of one thousand or less inhabitants, five dollars per annum, and in cities and towns of more than one thousand inhabitants, five dollars per annum for each thousand inhabitants of such city or town."

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

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

In line 213, section 9, after the word "agent" and before the word "provided" insert "whether selling by sample or on future delivery or otherwise."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Daniel offered the following amendment:

In line 164, section 9, strike out all after the word "dollars" in said line to word "dollars" in line 165.

Mr. Daniel moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment:

Strike out, beginning at the word "all" in line 26, section 9, down to the word "any," in line 241, and substitute there-

for the following: "All express companies doing business in this State shall pay, in incorporated cities of fifteen thousand inhabitants or more, a license tax of one hundred and fifty dollars; in incorporated cities of ten thousand and to fifteen thousand inhabitants, seventy-five dollars; in incorporated cities of five thousand to ten thousand inhabitants, fifty dollars; in incorporated cities of three thousand to five thousand inhabitants, thirty dollars; in incorporated cities of one thousand to three thousand inhabitants, fifteen dollars; in incorporated towns and villages of less than one thousand and more than fifty inhabitants, five dollars."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment:

Add to article 12 of section 9 the following: "And all corporations, except those incorporated under the laws of this State, engaged in the business of distributing advertisements of railroad or other transportation lines, or both, by or through placing folders, pamphlets or circulars in time table racks designed for that purpose, shall be required before engaging in such business in this State pay a license tax to the State of Florida of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars per annum, which said license tax shall be in lieu of all other taxes of every kind and character. Nothing herein shall be taken to prohibit a corporation from distributing its own folders and advertisements through its own agents."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

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

Add to the amendment "and the person or persons, firm or corporation, incorporated" "under the laws of this State doing business under this proviso shall pay a license tax of \$100.00."

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

Which was agreed to.

The question recurring upon the amendment as amended.

The amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Daniel offered the following amendment:

In line 35, section 9, strike out the words "under chapter 4117, Laws of Florida"

Mr. Daniel moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment:

In line 223, section 9, strike out the word from the word "companies," strike out to and inclusive of the word "dollars" in line 229 where it last appears, and substitute there-

for the words "shall pay a tax of one-tenth of one per cent. on the market value of the stock."

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

In line 195, section 9, strike out the words "twenty-five" and insert "fifty."

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

Which was agreed to.

Pending which—

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Chipley offered the following amendment:

In section 9, strike out line 247 and down to the word "State" when it appears last in line 250, and substitute therefor the following:

Thirteenth. Every steamboat engaged in the business of transporting passengers and freight in the waters of this State, shall pay a license tax of one dollar per registered ton, not to exceed one hundred dollars to the tax collector of the county where their principal office is located, or to the collector at the terminus of their route in this State, if their principal office is located out of the State; Provided, however, That any steamer having paid the tax upon a regular assessment in any county in this State, shall be exempt from the provisions hereof; Provided further, That no steamboat embraced in this paragraph shall pay less than ten dollars per annum.

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chipley offered the following amendment:

In line 104, section 9, strike out the words "and insurance and insurance broker."

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment:

In line 117, section 9, after the word "companies" insert "and all corporations, associations and companies engaged in the business of acting as surety upon bonds of guaranteeing the fidelity of employees, and insuring employers against liability of accidents to employees;" and after the words "policy holders" on line 118, in said section 9, insert "on gross receipts received from persons assured or guaranteed by them."

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment:

In line 263, section 9, strike out the word "dentists."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hicks moved that House Bill No. 395 be read in full before any other amendments are offered;

And House Bill No. 395 was read a second time in full;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment:

In line 9, section 26, strike out the words "if known," and substitute therefor the words "by publication in a newspaper published in such county, or by posting a notice at the court house door if there be no newspaper published in the county."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment:

In line 6, section 51, after the words "so published" insert "said newspaper to be selected by the board of county commissioners."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

In line 20, section 65, strike out the word "eight" and insert "twenty five."

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

Which was not agreed to.

The hour, 12 m., having arrived, being the hour for the executive session,

Mr. Adams moved that the executive session be passed, until after consideration of House Bill No. 395 be finished;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment:

In line 1, section 23, strike out all of section 23, and change the numbering of all the subsequent sections, beginning with said section 23, so as to make said sections correspond therewith.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Thompson offered the following amendment:

In line 5, section 58, strike out the words "twenty-five" and substitute therefor the words "ten."

Mr. Thompson moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment:

In line 2, section 14, strike out all after the word "years,"

immediately preceding the word "except," down to and including the word "batlle."

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Weeks offered the following amendment:

In line 11, section 25, add the words "Provided, The assessor shall not assess any lot or parcel of land certified or sold to the State for any," and substitute therefor the words "previous year unless such lot or parcel of land so certified or sold, shall be included in the list furnished by the comptroller to the assessor as provided in section 18."

Mr. Weeks moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Weeks offered the following amendment:

In line 10, section 52, add the words: "Provided, That should it appear that the property was double assessed the State and county respectively shall refund its pro rata share of such amount, whether now paid or which shall be hereafter paid, with interest and costs paid out to the person or persons having so bought or redeemed from the State out of any moneys whatsoever."

Mr. Weeks moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Williamson offered the following amendment:

Strike out all of section 57 and substitute therefor the following:

Section 57. The tax collector of any city or incorporated town shall, unless otherwise provided in this chapter, proceed substantially in the same manner in the collection of taxes and sale of lands and personal property for non-payment of taxes and licenses as State tax collector, and for taxes due by any railroad or any telegraph company, they may levy upon and sell any property within the corporate limits of such city or town belonging to such company other than railroad track and right of way or telegraph line. The city or incorporated town may make its own assessment of property within its limits for taxation for municipal purposes, but the valuation of property by the municipality shall not exceed the last valuation thereof by the State for taxation. The total taxes levied upon any property by any municipal corporation in any one year shall not exceed one per cent. upon such State valuation; but this provision is not to be so construed as to prevent the said corporation from levying sufficient tax to meet the payment of interest on its outstanding bonds, and to provide for the payment of the principal thereof when the same shall become due or from levying such taxes for special purposes as authorized by law.

Mr. Williamson moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Marks offered the following amendment :
In line 6, section 42, strike out the word "wilfully."
Mr. Marks moved the adoption of the amendment ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Marks offered the following amendment:
In line 9, section 51, strike out the words "per single
column."

Mr. Marks moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Marks offered the following amendment:
In lines 2 and 3, section 55, strike out the words "and the
collector shall receive twenty-five cents."

Mr. Marks moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment:
Strike out all of section 48 and substitute therefor the
words:

Section 48. The president, secretary, superintendent, manager or tax agent of any railroad company or terminal company, or the receiver of any railroad, whose track or road bed or any part thereof is in this State, shall annually, on or before the first Monday in March, make return under oath to the comptroller of the State, the total length of such railroad in the State, and in each particular county and incorporated city or town through which the same passes, and of all side tracks, switches, depot, shops, yards and other appurtenances, and the value thereof, in like manner shall return the number and value of all engines, cars, and other equipments, together with all furniture, stores, tools, implements and materials in hand as of the first day of January. And upon such total valuation when returned, the comptroller shall make assessments of taxes thereon for State purposes, and for county and municipal taxes, shall make distribution of the taxes to be assessed therefor on such valuation according to the relative proportion of main line of track in each county and incorporated city or town respectively to the total length of main line of each road in this State. And should any railroad company or its officers, fail to make the returns required by this act on or before the first Monday in March, or should the comptroller have reason to believe that any return so made does not give complete and correct value of such railroad and property, the comptroller shall refuse to accept said return. Thereupon the comptroller shall select a competent person to represent the State, and the railroad company shall be authorized to select a person to repre-

sent them, and the two selected shall select a third, who, having been duly sworn to make true assessment of all such property for taxation upon the same basis of valuation as for other property, shall examine the railroad, road bed, terminals, rolling stock, and other property, and place their valuation upon said property, which property after being so valued, shall be assessed by the comptroller for State purposes and for the taxes of each county and city through which said railroad runs; and the comptroller shall notify the assessors of each county through which said railroad runs of the amount of taxable property of the railroad allotted to his county; and he shall also notify the assessors of each incorporated city or town of the apportioned value on like basis allotted to his city or town, as above provided, upon which allotment taxes shall be assessed the same as upon property of individuals. That every telegraph line in this State and its properties, rights, franchises of every kind in this State, shall be returned and assessed in the same manner as is provided by this act for the assessment of railroads, and in case of failure to pay the taxes assessed, the entire line of telegraph in this State, and all of its properties, rights and franchises may be sold in the same manner as is provided for the sale of railroads or any of its properties upon which any tax shall be due and not paid.

The assessments hereby authorized to be made shall be the only assessments upon the property of railroads and telegraph lines for the purposes of general revenue, except that whenever any of the roads, branches, engines, cars, lots or terminal facilities are leased to other parties, and taxes are paid thereon by such other parties, the value of such leased properties shall be deducted from the totals of valuation by the comptroller before making apportionments thereof, and no tax shall be levied upon such portions against the railroad company.

All sleeping and parlor car companies operating their cars in this State shall, on or before the first day of January, 1896, and annually thereafter, report, under oath of the secretary or other officer of such company, the total amount of their gross receipts derived from business done between points in this State, and at the same time shall pay into the State treasury the sum of one dollar and fifty cents upon each one hundred dollars of such gross receipts, and if any such company shall fail to make such report and to pay the tax thereon as herein provided, the comptroller shall estimate the amount of such gross receipts from such information as he may be able to obtain, and shall add ten per cent. to the amount of such

taxes, as a penalty for the failure of such company to make report; and shall proceed to collect such tax, together with all costs and penalties thereon, the same as other delinquent taxes are collected.

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McLin offered the following amendment:

To section 16 add, "The tax assessor shall give to each person or his agent, at the time of assessing the property, an exact copy or duplicate roll of the property assessed; and where persons send in the list of their property by mail the assessor shall be required to give such duplicate roll only upon demand by said person and upon his enclosing a stamp to return said roll."

Mr. McLin moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the Senate go into executive session;

Which was agreed to.

And at 12:45 o'clock the chamber was cleared.

The doors were closed and the Senate went into executive session.

Doors opened at 1:10 P. M.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Bitch of 20th, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reeves, Thompson, Wadsworth, Whidden and Williamson—24.

A quorum present.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act in relation to crimes and criminal proceedings and procedure.

Also,

An act to authorize the Governor of the State of Florida in his official character to convey lot one of section 24, town—

ship 46, south range 23, east in the county of Lee, State of Florida, to the United States of America.

Also,

An act to provide for a speedy disposition of causes in county courts and criminal courts of record in this State.

Also,

An act to regulate the classification of sawn pitch pine timber, and to punish the false classification thereof.

Also,

An act to amend sections 1, 6 and 9, of chapter 4098, Laws of Florida, approved May 7, 1891, in reference to a railroad from Tallahassee to Gainesville and other points.

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

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

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

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. {

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend sections 23, 38, 46 and 47 of an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of this State, and to provide for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections; approved May 25, 1895.

Also,

An act to continue the powers, rights, privileges and grants of the DeSoto, Fort Myers and Gulf Railroad company, with an extension to Biscayne by or some other available point on the Atlantic.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad Company, and to grant certain aid in the construction thereof.

Also,

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 22 of article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to justices of the peace.

Also,

An act to repeal chapter 3974, Laws of Florida, being an act to incorporate the town of Bluff Springs, in the county of Escambia, Florida, approved May 31, 1889.

Also,

An act to amend sections 1099, 1100, 1103 and 1104, of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the compensation of witnesses, the manner of obtaining the same, and the mode of compelling the attendance of witnesses in civil cases.

Also,

An act requiring the boards of public instruction for the several counties of this State and treasurers of county school funds to make and publish authorized financial statements of their dealings with county school funds.

Also,

An act to amend section 2651 of the Revised Statutes of Florida relating to gambling.

Be it reported that they have carefully examined the same and find that they have been correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

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Also,

An act to amend sections 1, 6 and 9, of chapter 4098, Laws of Florida, approved May 7, 1891, in reference to a railroad from Tallahassee to Gainesville and other points.

Beg leave to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and are herewith submitted for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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of the DeSoto, Fort Myers and Gulf Railroad Company, with an extension to Biscayne Bay, or some other available point on the Atlantic.

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Also,

An act requiring the board of public instruction for the several counties of this State, and treasurers of county school funds, to make and publish itemized financial statements of their dealings with county school funds.

Also,

An act to amend section 2651 of the Revised Statutes of Florida relating to gambling.

Be it remembered that they have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President gave notice that he was about to sign—

An act in relation to crime and criminal proceedings and procedure.

Also,

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An act requiring the boards of public instruction for the several counties of this State and treasurers of county school funds to make and publish itemized financial statements of their dealings with county school funds.

Also,

An act to amend section 2651 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to gambling.

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.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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 crimes and criminal proceedings and procedure.

Also,

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An act to provide for a speedy disposition of causes in county courts and criminal courts of record in this State.

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An act to regulate the classification of sawn pitch pine timber and to punish the false classifications thereof.

Also,

An act to amend sections 1, 6 and 9 of chapter 4098, Laws of Florida, approved May 7, 1891, in reference to a railroad from Tallahassee to Gainesville and other points.

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 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

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An act to amend sections 1099, 1100, 1103 and 1104, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the compensation of witnesses, the manner of obtaining the same, and the mode of compelling the attendance of witnesses in civil cases.

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An act requiring the board of public instruction for the several counties of this State, and treasurers of county school funds to make and publish itemized financial statements of their dealings with county school funds.

Also,

An act to amend section 2651 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to gambling.

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.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895.)

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 340:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the refunding of criminal costs in certain cases.

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

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 409:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the appointment of trustees of town bonds of the town of Kissimmee City, and prescribing their duties and powers.

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

Very respectfully,

FREDERIC A. FLEMING,

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.

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived and that messages from the House be taken up;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. FRED. 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. 357:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Caleb Holley, sheriff of Calhoun county.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 357, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 357 was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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. 159:

A bill to be entitled an act to compel railroads to provide proper ventilated cars for local freights, and to provide suitable buildings.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. McLin moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 159, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 159 was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McLin moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 159 be read a second time by its title;

Which was not agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 159 was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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 No. 91:

Relative to the order of business for the Senate and House.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Palmer of 14th, moved that the rules be waived and that the above resolution be considered;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Thompson moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

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, Bitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth, Whidden and Williamson—17.

A quorum present.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

The report of the special committee appointed at the session of the Senate in 1893 to investigate alleged discriminations on the part of transportation companies in this State.

Have carefully considered the same, and beg leave to report said report back to the Senate without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. H. REYNOLDS,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the report be spread upon the Journal, and the accompanying papers be filed in the Secretary of State's office;

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

By permission—

Mr. Williamson, Chairman of the Special Committee on investigating the losing of a resolution at last session of the Senate, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. FRED. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your committee to whom was referred facts relating to the disappearance of Senate Resolution No. 25, reference to which is found upon pages 319 and 320 of the Senate Journal of 1893, said resolution providing for the appointment of an ad interim committee to investigate alleged discriminations practiced by railroad corporations of the State, beg leave to report that they have exhausted every effort to saddle the blame on the proper person, but as the last Secretary of the Senate reports that all his records in connection therewith were by him destroyed, we are deprived of all evidence as to who shall bear the blame.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

A. M. WILLIAMSON,
Committee.

Which was ordered spread on the Journal.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Thompson called up—

House Bill No. 186:

A bill to be entitled an act to define and declare what shall be deemed nuisances injurious to health and to provide for the removal thereof and punishment therefor.

Mr. Thompson moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 186 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 186 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Thompson moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 186 be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 186 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McLeran, McLin, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth and Whidden—16.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 20th, McKinney and Palmer—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up and consider House Bill No. 5;

Which was agreed to.

And,

House Bill No. 5:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 4161 of the acts of 1893, entitled an act to appoint inspectors of weights and measures, and for other purposes,

Was taken up.

And House Bill No. 5 was read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Fleming, Genovar, Hicks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Reynolds, Wadsworth, Whidden and Williamson—18.

Nays—Messrs. Darby, Hartridge, McLin, Thompson and Weeks—5.

So House Bill No. 5 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By permission—

Mr. Palmer of 11th, chairman of the special committee to investigate the offices of the comptroller and treasurer, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee appointed under Senate Con-

current Resolution No. 1, to investigate the offices of the comptroller and treasurer, beg leave to report that they have carefully and thoroughly examined the books, records and vouchers of the aforesaid officers and find them correct and neatly kept. In auditing claims, we find that the officials exercised great care, whereby much revenue was saved to the tax payers of this State by disallowing illegal items.

Every courtesy and facility for a full and unlimited investigation of the financial transactions was extended to your committee, who beg leave to submit a resume of the receipts and disbursements for the years beginning January 1, A. D. 1893, and ending December 31, A. D. 1894, with a statement of the indebtedness of the State.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1893.

Jan. 1.	Balance in the treasury,	\$128,052 70
	General revenue,	\$619,185 47
	Department of agriculture,	\$11,082 61
	Agricultural college fund,	\$9,265 10
	General school (1 mill) tax,	\$93,075 63
	Common school fund, principal,	\$43,990 81.
	Common school fund, interest,	\$35,413 06
	Seminary fund, principal,	\$266 83
	Seminary fund, interest,	\$5,807
	Bureau of immigration,	\$64 62
	State board of health,	\$23,882 59
	Total,	\$970,086 42

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1893.

	General revenue,	\$602 337 65
	Department of agriculture,	\$9,137 75
	Agricultural college fund,	\$9,175 19
	General school (1 mill) tax,	\$95,132 53
	Commo. school fund, principal,	\$52,633 10
	Common school fund, interest,	\$35,305 80
	Seminary fund, interest,	\$5,807 00
	State board of health,	\$23,784 38
Dec. 31.	Balance in the treasury,	\$136,773 02
	Total,	\$970,086 42

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1894.

Jan. 1.	Balance in the treasury,	\$136,773 02
	General revenue,	\$692,725 05
	Department of agriculture,	\$11,247 13
	Agricultural college fund,	\$9 461 11
	General school (1 mill) tax,	\$100,131 52
	Common school fund, principal,	\$9,130 33
	Common school fund, interest,	\$36,180 00

Seminary fund, principal, \$54 30
 Seminary fund, interest, \$5,807 00
 State board of health, \$25,336 67
 Total, \$1,026,846 13

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1894.

General revenue, \$579,895 64
 Department of agriculture, \$8,955 54
 Agricultural college fund, \$9,557 29
 General school (1 mill) tax, \$103,269 45
 Common school fund principal, \$1,297 04
 Common school fund-interest, \$35,305 97
 Seminary fund-interest, \$5,807 00
 State board of health, \$25,505 67
 Dec. 31, Balance in the treasury, \$257,252 53
 Total, \$1,026,846 13.
 1894

Dec. 31, Balance in the treasury, \$257,252 53

We find the above balance distributed among the different funds as follows:

General revenue, \$161,043 18
 Department of agriculture, \$5,093 29
 Agricultural college fund, \$4 98
 General school (1 mill) tax, \$42,814 36
 Common school fund-principal, \$30,666 01
 Common school fund-interest, \$13,626 35
 Seminary fund-principal, \$1,429 53
 State board of health, \$1,943 30
 Blind, deaf and dumb fund, \$44 10
 Sinking fund bonds of 1873, \$547 68
 Sinking fund bonds of 1871, \$39 75
 Total, \$257,252 53

Statement of bonded debt and interest bearing loan of

State:

1894.

Dec. 31, Outstanding bonds of
 1871..... \$267,700 00
 Outstanding bonds of
 1873..... 764,800 00
 \$1,032,500 00

The above bonds are held as follows:

School, seminary and agricultural college funds,
 Bonds of 1871.....

\$175,600 00

Bonds of 1873.....	499,200 00
Individuals.....	357,700 00
Interest bearing loan..	\$200,000 00
The above loan held as follows:	
School fund.....	75,000 00
Internal improvement fund.....	25,000 00
Parties in New York..	100,000 00
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	\$1,232,500 00 \$1,232,500 00

Statement showing by counties the total amount received, including taxes, expenses of sale and interest, for the redemption of lands.

REDEMPTIONS OF 1893.

Alachua, \$3,470 55
Baker, \$1,024 64
Bradford, \$1,879 41
Brevard, \$3,601 91
Calhoun, \$1,296 73
Citrus, \$1,510 33
Clay, \$3,974 98
Columbia, \$1,959 66
Dade, \$244 53
DeSoto, \$1,972 06
Duval, \$12,742 38
Escambia, \$1,394 66
Franklin, \$159 08
Gadsden, \$198 65
Hamilton, \$412 85
Hernando, \$831 88
Hillsborough, \$1,053 49
Holmes, \$596 95
Jackson, \$722 11
Jefferson, \$434 82
LaFayette, \$334 60
Lake, \$1 156 02
Lee, \$1 090 32
Leon, \$542 37
Levy, \$218 96
Liberty, \$1 646 55
Madison, \$220 89
Manatee, \$994 11
Marion, \$5 678 43
Monroe, \$3 292 17
Nassau, \$1 488 47

Orange, \$6 636 87
 Osceola, \$850 59
 Pasco, \$669 44
 Polk, \$3,454 06
 Putnam, \$3,370 23
 Ft. Johns, \$1 045 86
 Sumter, \$629 96
 Suwannea, \$733 51
 Taylor, \$1,077 56
 Volusia, \$4,688 56
 Wakulla, \$184 67
 Walton, \$235 72
 Washington, \$754 40
 Total, \$80,476 04

REDEMPTIONS OF 1894.

Alachua, \$4,334 89
 Baker, \$312 03
 Bradford, \$813 56
 Brevard, \$1,829 74
 Calhoun, \$226 04
 Citrus, \$4,326 28
 Clay, \$1,113 37
 Columbia, \$1,978 50
 Dade, \$278 72
 DeSoto, \$8,300 91
 Duval, \$12,287 70
 Escambia, \$2,278
 Franklin, \$143 01
 Gadsden, \$231 38
 Hamilton, \$292 01
 Hernando, \$1,237 63
 Hillsborough, \$4,895 38
 Holmes, \$89 92
 Jackson, \$1,048 10
 Jefferson, \$1,126 85
 LaFayette, \$100 55
 Lake, \$4,955 07
 Lee, \$1,149 98
 Leon, \$1,140 64
 Levy, \$1,995 92
 Liberty, \$75 88
 Madison, \$458 66
 Manatee, \$5,479 95
 Marion, \$7,852 18
 Monroe, \$2,211 04
 Nassau, \$928 96

Orange,	\$6,330 50
Osceola,	\$4,004 53
Pasco,	\$1,528 34
Polk,	\$2,346 72
Putnam,	\$2,877 11
St. Johns,	\$1,317 40
Sumter,	\$2,112 03
Suwannee,	\$1,424 25
Taylor,	\$81 94
Volusia,	\$3,244 41
Wakulla,	\$316 48
Walton,	\$802 45
Washington,	\$1,115 93
Total,	\$100,094 04

The vast amount of labor required in the redemption department in examining the records, computing the cost of certificates, recording the redemption, and reporting the lands redeemed, can be best understood by saying that it required for the year 1894 4,962 folio pages of record books and report sheets to make the records and reports to the county commissioners alone.

We find that the method of paying commissions to tax collectors under the present revenue law offers special inducements to tax collectors to sell lands for taxes, for the reason that the law allows five per cent. on the total amount of State and county taxes on lands sold for taxes and twenty-five cents for each certificate of sale, which the collector receives in lieu of the two, and in many cases one per cent. that he would be allowed under the law, if the taxes were collected. In our opinion the law should be so changed as to take away the premium for selling lands, and offer an incentive to the collector to collect the taxes instead of offering the land for sale for such taxes.

On all taxes collected by the tax collector above \$4,000.00 and under \$14,000.00, he is allowed two per cent. and on the balance one per cent. This is quite a contrast with the five per cent. commissions and twenty-five cents for each certificate allowed on the taxes on lands when sold for taxes. In this connection, we append a statement showing the amount of commissions and fees allowed by the present law to tax collectors for making the tax sales in 1894.

COMMISSIONS AND FEES OF TAX COLLECTORS FOR LAND SALES IN

1894.

Alachua,	\$937 11
Baker,	\$28 63
Bradford,	\$15 86

Breard, \$198 53
 Calhoun, \$11 07
 Citrus, \$146 52
 Columbia, \$61 86
 Clay, \$681 65
 Duval, \$1,725 10
 DeSoto, \$984 99
 Dade, \$246 76
 Escambia, \$117 34
 Franklin, \$10 84
 Gadsden, \$10 73
 Hillsborough, \$269 14
 Hernando, \$146 96
 Holmes, \$54 65
 Hamilton, \$9 50
 Jackson, \$107 42
 Jefferson, \$35 08
 Levy, \$39 57
 Lee, \$93 08
 Leon, \$14 03
 Liberty, \$15 79
 Lake, \$576 43
 LaFayette, \$16 22
 Marion, \$669 17
 Monroe, \$285 91
 Madison, \$28 67
 Manatee, \$231 73
 Nassau, \$113 04
 Osceola, \$225 81
 Orange, \$980 28
 Polk, \$537 77
 Pasco, \$228 33
 Putnam, \$288 57
 Suwannee, \$59 99
 Sumter, \$164 20
 St. Johns, \$111 99
 Taylor, \$1 26
 Volusia, \$484 21
 Wakulla, \$5 36
 Walton, \$29 03
 Washington, \$1,846 18
 Total, \$13,046 36

In submitting this report, we wish to call special attention to the fact that the present Tax Collector, W. J. Williams, of Santa Rosa county, was first commissioned on July 16, 1877, and has been his own successor continuously since the aforesaid date. That he has neither sold nor certified a foot

of land to the State for taxes since April 11, 1879, and that he has settled in full for each year's assessment up to the assessment for the year 1894; for which latter assessment, under the present law, he has until October 1st. 1895, to settle. We mention this with the hope that it may stimulate other collectors to put forth extra exertions to collect the taxes without having to resort to sale of lands for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS PALMER,
Chairman.

A. W. McLERAN,
On part of the Senate.

R. B. CARPENTER,

J. S. WADE,

On part of the House.

JOHN C. LAW,
THOMAS C. COLLINS,
Committee Clerks.

Which was spread on the Journal.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 119:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3, chapter 4194, Laws of Florida,

Be taken up;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 119 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 119 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 119 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 119 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Darby, Dougherty, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Perrenot, Reynolds, Thompson, Weeks and Whidden—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 240:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the water front of the municipality of Pensacola.

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

Very respectfully,

C. J. PERRENOT,

Chairman Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

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

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up the day roll call;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams moved that the roll call be temporarily suspended, and that the Senate take up and consider House Bill No. 405;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Governor.

And,

House Bill No. 405:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the State government for six months of the year 1895, and for the year 1896, and for six months of the year 1897,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment:

In line 28, section 1, strike out the words and figures "450" and substitute therefor the words "six hundred (600)."

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment:

In line 26, section 2, strike out the words and figures "900" and substitute therefor the words "twelve hundred" 1200.

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment:

In line 28, section 3, strike out the words "four hundred and fifty" and the figures "450," and substitute therefor the words "six hundred dollars."

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment:

In line 16, section 1, immediately after the figures "4,000," insert the following, "for building dormitory and room to Normal school building at DeFuniak Springs, two thousand dollars (\$2,000) "

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

The amendments were ordered engrossed, and House Bill No. 305, as amended, passed to calendar of bills on third reading.

At 5:00 P. M. Mr. Hartridge moved that the Senate do now go into executive session;

Which was agreed to.

And at 5:07 the chamber was cleared, the doors closed.

And the Senate went into executive session.

At 5:15 the doors were opened.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Whidden and Williamson—25.

A quorum present.

The President handed down the following message from the Governor:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
TALLAHASSEE, May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have to day approved the following bill, which originated in the Senate, to wit:

An act to fix the fees for inspection and disinfection of vessels for the port of Fernandina.

And have filed the same with the Secretary of State.

Very respectfully,

H. L. MITCHELL,

Governor of Florida.

Also the following :

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
TALLAHASSEE, May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have this day approved the following bills, which originated in that body, to-wit:

An act to provide for a speedy disposition of causes in county courts and criminal courts of record in this State.

An act to authorize the Governor of the State of Florida, in his official character, to convey lot 1 of section 24, township 46 south, range 23 east, in the county of Lee, State of Florida, to the United States of America.

An act in relation to crimes and criminal proceedings and procedure.

An act to regulate the classification of sawn pitch pine timber, and to punish the false classification thereof.

An act to amend sections 1, 6 and 9 of chapter 4093 of the Laws of Florida, approved May 7, 1891, in reference to a railroad from Tallahassee to Gainesville and other points.

And have filed the same with the Secretary of State.

Very respectfully,

H. L. MITCHELL,
Governor of Florida.

Mr. Genovar moved that the rules be waived and that messages from the House of Representatives be taken up;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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 Joint Resolution No. 91:

Relative to setting apart lands for the endowment and maintenance of an agricultural station.

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 Joint Resolution No. 91, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Joint Resolution No. 91 was read first time by its title, and placed on calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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. 359:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the terms for the commencement of work, and completion of the Florida Grand Trunk Railway Company.

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. 359, contained in above message be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 359 was read first time by its title and passed to calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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. 380:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 5, article 7, of an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine, approved June 3. 1889.

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. 380, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 380 was read first time by its title.

Mr. Genovar moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 380 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 380 was read the second time by its title.

Mr. Genovar moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 380 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 380 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 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. 191:

A bill to be entitled an act to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the Fernandina and Western Railway Company.

With amendments.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Thompson moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments to Senate Bill No. 191;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 191, as amended, was referred to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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. 282:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the salaries of certain administrative officers.

With amendments.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Bailey moved that the Senate refuse to concur in the House amendments, and the House of Representatives be requested to recede therefrom;

Which was agreed to.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 254:

Relating to an appropriation by Congress for the improvement of the mouth of Peace river and Charlotte Harbor.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 254, was ordered referred to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Adams called up—

Senate Bill No. 303:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1793 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 303 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 303 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 303 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 303 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Chipley, Fleming, Genovar, Hicks, Morrow, McLin, Peacock, Reynolds, Thomas, Wadsworth and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Hartridge, McKinney and Palmer of 14th—3.

So Senate Bill No. 303 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Myers called up—

House Bill No. 235:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 96, chapter 14, of the Revised Statutes, relating to fertilizers.

Mr. Williamson moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 235 be read the second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 235 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Williamson moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 235 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 235 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Blich of 20th, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—22.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 235 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 357:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Caleb Holley,
Sheriff of Calhoun county.

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

Very respectfully,

S. H. PEACOCK,

Chairman Committee on Claims.

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

Mr. Bailey called up—

Senate Bill No. 370:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize railroad and canal
companies to condemn land and water rights, for the purpo-
ses of terminal facilities.

Mr. Bailey moved that the rules be waived and House
Bill No. 370 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 370 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Bailey moved that the rules be waived and Senate
Bill No. 370 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 370 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Bitch of 20th, Chipley,
Daniel, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, Palmer
of 11th, Peacock, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth
and Williamson—17.

Nays—Messrs. Darby, Thomas and Weeks—3.

So Senate Bill No. 370 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representa-
tives.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and
House Bill No. 395:

A bill to be entitled an act for the assessment and collec-
tion of revenue, as amended,

Be taken up and considered, which had been returned
from the committee by order of the Senate;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 395:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Chipley moved that the vote by which House Bill No. 395 was taken up, be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chipley moved that House Bill No. 395 be recommitted to the Committee on Engrossed Bills and consideration of same be made the special order for 9:45 o'clock tomorrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reynolds offered the following resolution:

Be it Resolved, That the assistant sergeant-at-arms be paid six dollars per day for six days service in said position.

Mr. Reynolds moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Broome called up—

House Bill No. 240:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the water-front of the municipality of Pensacola.

And House Bill No. 240 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment:

Move to amend by striking out all of sections one and two, and substitute the following for section one:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully place or cause to be placed in any of the water in front of the city of Pensacola, extending from the shore line to the channel of Pensacola bay, any piles or piling, sand, earth, gravel, rock, ballast of any kind, or any other substance, or to otherwise lessen the existing depth of water in any part of said waters, or obstruct, or impede the navigation of the same; Provided, nothing in this act shall prevent any person, persons or corporation, repairing their improvements. Provided further, That this act shall not apply to the extension of Taragona street wharf, as provided for by ordinance of the municipality of Pensacola.

And make section 3 section 2, and section 4 section 3, and amend the title by substituting the word city for the word municipality.

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment.

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

The yeas and yeas were called for.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Chipley, Daniel, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks,

Morrow, McLeran, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth and Whidden—19.

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

So the bill and amendment was laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up messages from the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote

The following message from the House of Representatives was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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 passed—

House Memorial No. 84:

Asking the Congress of the United States for an appropriation of ten thousand dollars for the improvement of the Ocklocknee river.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived and House Memorial No. 84, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two thirds vote.

And House Memorial No. 84 was read a first time and passed to its second reading.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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. 408:

A bill to be entitled an act to restore Howard Bishop, late of Marion county, to civil rights.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 408, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 408 was read first time and passed to bills on second reading.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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. 412:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Muck Mining Company, and to define its business and powers.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 412, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 412 was read first time passed to calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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. 235:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the powers of the circuit courts of this State in granting changes of venue.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 235 was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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. 114:

A bill to be entitled an act providing that one half of the special county road and bridge tax collected on property in incorporated cities and towns in Orange county shall be paid to such cities and towns.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 114 was referred to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 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. 270:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 1270 and 1272 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

With amendments thereto.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

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

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 270, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to authorize the county of Brevard to issue bonds for the purpose of constructing good county roads.

Also,

An act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1895.

Also,

An act to amend chapter 3823, Laws of Florida of 1887, entitled an act granting lands to the Orange Canal and Transit company, and for other purposes, and to confirm all right, title and interest granted in the same to the Florida Orange Canal and Transit company.

Also,

An act to appropriate moneys for the construction of necessary additional buildings for purposes of the Florida Asylum for the indigent insane; to prescribe the duties of the board of commissioners of State institutions in relation thereto.

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

Very respectfully,

A. W. MCLERAN,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to authorize the county of Brevard to issue bonds for the purpose of constructing good county roads.

Also,

An act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1895.

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An act to amend chapter 3823, Laws of Florida, 1887, entitled an act granting lands to the Orange Canal and Transit Company, and for other purposes, and to confirm all right, title and interest granted in the same to the Florida Orange Canal and Transit Company.

Also,

An act to appropriate moneys for the construction of necessary additional buildings for purposes of the Florida Asylum for the Indigent Insane, to prescribe the duties of the board of commissioners of State institutions in relation thereto.

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

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

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

An act to authorize the county of Brevard to issue bonds for the purpose of constructing good county roads.

Also,

An act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1895.

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An act to amend chapter 3823, Laws of Florida, 1887, entitled an act granting lands to the Orange Canal and Transit Company and for other purposes, and to confirm all right, title and interest granted in the same to the Florida Orange Canal and Transit company.

Also,

An act to appropriate moneys for the construction of necessary additional buildings for purposes of the Florida Asy-

lum for the Indigent Insane, to prescribe the duties of the board of commissioners of State institutions in relation thereto.

Beg leave to report that they have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and herewith present the same for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President gave notice that he was about to sign—

An act to authorize the county of Brevard to issue bonds for the purpose of constructing good county roads.

Also,

An act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1895.

Also,

An act to amend chapter 3823, Laws of Florida 1887, entitled an act granting lands to the Orange Canal and Transit company, and for other purposes, and to confirm all rights, title and interest granted in the same to the Florida Orange Canal and Transit company.

Also,

An act to appropriate moneys for the construction of necessary additional buildings for purposes of the Florida Asylum for the Indigent insane; to prescribe the duties of the board of commissioners of State institutions in relation thereto.

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.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to authorize the county of Brevard to issue bonds for the purpose of constructing good county roads.

Also,

An act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1895.

Also,

An act to amend chapter 3323, Laws of Florida 1887, entitled an act granting lands to the Orange Canal and Transit company, and for other purposes, and to confirm all right, title and interest granted in the same to the Florida Orange Canal and Transit company.

Also,

An act to appropriate moneys for the construction of necessary additional buildings for purposes of the Florida Asylum for the Indigent Insane, to prescribe the duties of the board of commissioners of State institutions in relation thereto.

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. Adams moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

8:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

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, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reynolds, Thompson and Wadsworth—20.

A quorum present.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 159:

A bill to be entitled an act to compel railroad companies doing business as common carriers in the State of Florida, to provide properly ventilated cars for perishable freight and to erect suitable buildings for the protection of passengers and freight.

Committee amendment to House Bill No. 159, strike out sections 3, 4 and 5 and substitute the following as section 3.

The superintendent or agent of any railroad company transacting business in the State of Florida violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, shall be fined in a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars.

Change section 6 to section 4.

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

Very respectfully,

W. H. REYNOLDS,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

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.

By Mr. Chipley:

Senate Bill No. 379:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the sale of goods, wares, merchandise and other personal property advertised as bankrupt, insolvent, insurance assignee, trustee, testator, executor, administrator, receiver, auction, syndicate, railroad or other wreck, wholesale or manufacturers or closing out sale, or goods damaged by smoke, fire, water or otherwise, and to provide for a license fee for such sales from such vendor.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 379 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 379 was read first time by its title.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 379 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 379 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 379 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 379 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley,

Daniel, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Reynolds, Thompson and Wadsworth—18.

Nays—Messrs. McKinney and Palmer of 14th—2.

So Senate Bill No. 379 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By permission—

Mr. Daniel, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 324:

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

Very respectfully,

W. J. DANIEL,

Chairman Committee on Privileges and Elections.

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

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 384:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the levy of taxes for the years of 1895 and 1896,

Be now taken up and considered;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 384 was read a second time in full, together with the following amendment:

In line 38, section 2, insert after the word "purposes," "such tax to be estimated by the county school board."

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Also the following amendment offered by the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation:

Strike out the words "three mills" wherever they appear in the bill, and substitute therefor the words "three and one-quarter mills."

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 384 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 384 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth and Williamson—24.

Nays—Mr. Darby—1.

So House Bill No. 384 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 405 be put back on its second reading for amendment;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 405:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the State government for six months of the year 1895, and for the year 1896, and for six months of the year 1897.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment:

Section 1 strike out line 3 of page 2, and all of line 4, except the last two words of the line, and substitute therefor the words "seven thousand dollars" and the figures "\$7,000."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment:

In lines 32 and 34, section 2, page 12, strike out the words "thirteen thousand five hundred dollars," and strike out the figure "\$13,500" in second line of page 13 of section 2, and substitute therefor the words "fourteen thousand dollars" and the figures "\$14,000."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment:

In line 3, section 3, page 24, strike out the entire line and strike out the figures "\$6,750.00" in line five of section 3, page 24, and substitute therefor the words "seven thousand" and the figures "\$7,000.00."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment:

Add to House Bill No. 405 a section to read as follows:

Sec. 4. That the following sums be, and are hereby, appropriated for the payment of the expenses of the joint committee

to examine, investigate, consider and report upon the expenses of the State government, the practical operation of the revenue laws, and the status of the State's finances, the public debts, the several State funds and the internal improvement fund, pursuant to the provisions of House Joint Resolution No. 86, to-wit:

For expenses of clerical or expert assistance, \$500; and for the proper and necessary expenses of said committee or its members, incurred in the performance of the duties required of it, \$1,000; to be paid by the State treasurer on warrants of the comptroller issued upon vouchers or orders furnished by the chairman of such committee.

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were called for.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Darby, Dougherty, Genovar, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th and Weeks—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Chipley, Daniel, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McLeran, Peacock, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth and Williamson—16.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 405, as amended, be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 405, as amended, was read a third time in full.

Mr. Adams asked unanimous consent to offer the following amendment:

In lines 3, 4, 5 and 6, page 13, strike out the words "for clerk hire, judge fifth judicial circuit six hundred dollars;" also strike out the figures "\$600;"

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment:

In lines 7, 8 and 9, page 2, strike out the words "for clerk hire circuit judge, 5th judicial circuit three hundred dollars;" also strike out the figures "\$300."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment:

In line 67, page 24, strike out the words "for clerk hire, circuit judge Fifth Judicial Circuit, three hundred dollars;" also strike out the figures "\$300."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was unanimously agreed to.

The question being upon the passage of the bill.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Broome, Chipley, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson and Williamson—21.

Nays—Messrs. Bitch of 20th and Weeks—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived and that House Joint Resolution No. 86 be now considered.

The yeas and nays were called for.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Broome, Darby, Dougherty, McKinney, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Weeks and Williamson—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Bitch of 20th, Chipley, Fleming, Hartridge, Marks, Morrow, McLeran and Peacock—9.

So the motion was not agreed to.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 30, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate amendments to

House Bill No. 395:

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

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 placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Chipley called up—

Senate Bill No 261:

A bill to be entitled an act allow interest upon money borrowed by the Governor.

And Senate Bill No. 261 was read a third time in full.

Mr. Chipley asked unanimous consent to make the following amendment:

Strike out "\$1400.00" and insert in lieu thereof "\$1423.30."

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was unanimously agreed to.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Chipley, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Marks, Morrow, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson and Williamson—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the action of the Senate was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Palmer of 11th called up—

House Bill No. 66:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal section 350, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to agricultural statistics.

And House Bill No. 66 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Dougherty, Genovar, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Broome, Chipley, Darby, Fleming, Hartridge, Marks, Morrow, Perrenot, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson and Williamson—14.

So the bill failed to pass.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the Senate now take up and consider—

Senate substitute for House Bill No. 57:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a railroad commission for the State of Florida, whereby discrimination and extortion in railroad charges may be prevented, and reasonable freight and passenger tariffs may be established; to prescribe and authorize the making of rules and regulations to govern the commission and the railroads, and afford railroad companies and other parties adequate remedies; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act, and to provide means and rules for its enforcement.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Darby called up—

Senate Bill No. 306:

A bill to be entitled an act to require banks, or banking

companies incorporated by special act of the Legislature to print on their letter heads and bank statements the liability of its stock holders under such acts.

And Senate Bill No. 306 was read third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Blich of 20th, Broome, Darby, Dougherty, Genovar, Hartridge, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Perrenot, Reeves, Thomas and Weeks—16.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Chipley, Fleming, Marks, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Reynolds and Thompson—8.

So Senate Bill No. 306 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Dougherty called up—

House Bill No. 290:

A bill to be entitled an act to permit the cutting or removing of any timber from lands heretofore or that may hereafter be sold for taxes.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 290 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 290 was read second time by its title, together with amendment offered by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 290 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 290 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blich of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson and Williamson—23.

Nays—Mr. Adams—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be waived and that

Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 57:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a railroad commission for the State of Florida, whereby discrimination and extortion in railroad charges may be prevented, and reasonable freight and passenger tariffs may be established; to pre-

scribe and authorize the making of rules and regulations to govern the commission and the railroads, and afford railroad companies and other parties adequate remedies; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act, and to provide means and rules for its enforcement,

Be taken up and considered.

The yeas and nays were called for.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Blich of 20th, Broome, Dougherty, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Reynolds and Thomas—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Chipley, Darby, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reeves and Thompson—14.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning, May 31, 1895.

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 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, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Perrenot, Reynolds, Thompson, Weeks and Williamson—20.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Whidden, Chairman of the Special Committee to Examine the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, submitted the following report:

(See Appendix A.)

Mr. Whidden moved the adoption of the report;
Which was agreed to.