

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

Resolved, the House concurring, That a committee consisting of two on the part of the Senate, and three from the House be appointed to investigate the books, receipts and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and they are authorized to employ such clerical aid as will enable them to make their regular investigation,

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Gaillard moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "and Treasurer."

Pending which—

Mr. Dougherty moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1897.

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, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Wadsworth and Williams—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Broome moved that the Journal be corrected to show that Mr. Chipley withdrew Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7, introduced by him, and a substitute for which was introduced by Mr. Broome;

Which was not agreed to.

The Journal was then approved as printed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

The President announced the following as the Standing Committees of the body:

I announce the following as the Standing Committees of the Senate:

Standing Committees.

On Judiciary.

Senators	HARTRIDGE, HENDLEY,	Senator MYERS, REEVES, BYNUM.
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On Constitutional Amendments.

Senators	PALMER of 11th, MYERS,	Senator HARTRIDGE, PHIPPS, PALMER of 14th.
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On Education.

Senators	CARSON, CHIPLEY,	Senator REEVES, ADAMS, HOOKER.
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On Finance and Taxation.

Senators	WILLIAMS, HOOKER,	Senator FULLER, DANIEL, BYNUM.
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On Appropriations.

Senators	ADAMS, DARBY,	Senator BYNUM, BAILEY, GAILLARD.
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On Rules.

Senators	MYERS, CHIPLEY,	Senator DOUGHERTY, ADAMS, BLITCH of 21st.
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City and County Organizations.

Senators	REEVES, PALMER of 11th,	Senator CHIPLEY, HARTRIDGE, GAILLARD.
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On Agriculture.

Senators	FULLER, DIMICK,	Senator CLARK, CROSBY, DOUGHERTY.
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On Corporations.

Senator WADSWORTH,
 Senators PEACOCK, THOMAS,
 PALMER of 11th, ROBERTS.

On Commerce and Navigation.

Senator GAILLARD,
 Senators DOUGHERTY, DARBY,
 WILLIAMS, CHIPLEY.

On Railroads.

Senator McLIN,
 Senators GAILLARD, DANIEL,
 PHIPPS, WILLIAMS.

On Legislative Expenses.

Senator BROOME,
 Senators McLIN, WADSWORTH,
 BLITCH of 20th, THOMAS.

On Immigration.

Senator DARBY,
 Senators McLIN, WILLIAMS,
 DIMICK, CLARK.

On State Affairs.

Senator BLITCH of 20th,
 Senators BROOME, CROSBY,
 BLITCH of 21st, BAILEY.

On Public Health.

Senator PHIPPS,
 Senators CHIPLEY, BLITCH of 20th,
 WILLIAMS, ROBERTS.

On Public Printing.

Senator HENDLY,
 Senators THOMAS, CARSON,
 PEACOCK, BLITCH of 20th.

On Privileges and Elections.

Senator DANIEL,
 Senators PALMER of 14th, HARTRIDGE,
 DOUGHERTY, HENDLY.

On Engrossed Bills.

Senators REEVES,
MYERS, Senator BARBER,
GAILLARD,
PALMER of 14th.

On Enrolled Bills.

Senators CARSON,
FULLER, Senator HOOKER,
DANIEL,
THOMAS.

On Canals and Telegraph.

Senators BYNUM,
CLARK, Senator DIMICK,
McLIN,
PALMER of 14th.

On Fisheries.

Senators PEACOCK,
BAILEY, Senator BLITCH of 21st,
PHIPPS,
PALMER of 11th.

On Militia.

Senators GAILLARD,
CHIPLEY, Senator PALMER of 11th,
BARBER,
HARTRIDGE.

On Claims.

Senators PALMER of 14th,
ROBERTS, Senator PEACOCK,
BARBER,
WADSWORTH.

On Indian Affairs.

Senators BROOME,
DIMICK, Senator CARSON,
CROSBY,
PHIPPS.

On Public Lands.

Senators WADSWORTH,
HOOKER, Senator ADAMS,
BAILEY,
BLITCH of 20th.

On State Boundaries.

Senators BARBER,
DARBY, Senator THOMAS.
BROOME,
CLARK.

On Mining and Phosphate.

Senators BAILEY,
FULLER, Senator CARSON,
PALMER of 11th.
HENDLY.

On Temperance.

Senators PEACOCK,
BLITCH of 20th. Senator CROSBY,
PALMER of 14th.
CLARK.

Mr. Reeves moved that 200 copies of the Standing Committees be printed for the use of the Senate;
Which was agreed to.

Introduction of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

Mr. Fuller introduced the following Concurrent Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11:

Whereas, On the fourteenth day of January, 1897, the Merchants National Bank of Ocala, Florida, suspended, and

Whereas, The Treasurer of the State of Florida is said to have had deposited in said bank at the time it suspended about \$30,000 of the State's money, and

Whereas, The securities for the payment of said deposits being said to be of questionable value,

Be it hereby resolved, the House of Representatives concurring, That a Special Committee consisting of two from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to investigate:

First. How much of the State's money is deposited in the said suspended Merchants National Bank of Ocala.

Second. The nature and actual value of the securities held by the Treasurer to secure the payment of said deposit.

Third. The ability of said suspended bank to pay part or all of the deposit.

Fourth. The nature and value of the Treasurer's bond to the State, and the ability of the bondsmen to pay the loss if there should be any loss.

Fifth. Any and all other resources, if any, to which the State of Florida can look to for security or payment of this money.

Said committee in these investigations to have the power to send for persons and papers; said committee to have the power to employ such experts and clerical aid as will enable them to make a thorough investigation; said investigation to be made as promptly as possible, and reported promptly and in full to both houses of the Legislature;

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

Mr. Carson introduced the following Concurrent Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12:

Resolved, That the House concurring, a committee of three on the part of the Senate and five on the part of the House be appointed on Apportionment;

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

Bills Referred.

Senate Bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors to the Seminole Indians, and to provide a penalty therefor;

Which was read the first time by its title yesterday,

Was taken up and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent illegal voting at primary elections;

Which was read the first time by its title yesterday,

Was taken up and referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections.

Senate Bill No. 3:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the inspection of all phosphate mined in the State of Florida; to appoint a Commissioner of Phosphates, and to define his authority and his duties, and to provide for the collection of inspection fees therefrom, and to prohibit persons and corporations from exporting, buying, shipping or putting on board ship phosphates contrary to the provisions of this act;

Which was read the first time by its title yesterday,

Was taken up and referred to the Committee on Mining and Phosphate.

Senate Bill No. 4:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the establishment of pauper houses and farms in this State;

Which was read the first time by its title yesterday,

Was taken up and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 5:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable a married woman who is a free dealer, to sell, convey or mortgage her property;

Which was read the first time by its title yesterday,

Was taken up, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 6:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a Battalion of Naval Militia, to be known as the Naval Reserve Battalion of Florida Volunteers;

Which was read the first time by its title yesterday,

Was taken up and referred to the Committee on Militia.

Senate Bill No. 7:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal so much of an act entitled "an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections," approved May 25, 1895, as requires the payment of poll taxes on or before the second Saturday of the month immediately preceeding the general election; and to provide for the payment of poll taxes up to and on the day of any general election; and to provide for the appointment of deputy collectors to receive poll taxes at each voting precinct on the days of general elections;

Which was read the first time by its title yesterday,

Was taken up and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 8:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the establishing, working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of the several counties of this State, and to provide penalties for the failure thereof;

Which was read the first time by its title yesterday,

Was taken up and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 9:

Proposing an amendment to section 30 of article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Florida;

Which was read the first time in full yesterday under a waiver of the rules,

Was taken up and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Senate Bill No. 10:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the fire insurance

policies, prescribing a rule of evidence, and measure of damage in case of loss;

Which was read the first time by its title yesterday,
Was taken up and again read by its title.

Mr. Broome requested that it be held for reference until to morrow;

Which request was granted.

Senate Bill No. 11:

A bill to be entitled a general act relating to negotiable instruments, being an act to establish a law uniform with the laws of other states on the subject;

Which was read the first time by its title yesterday,

Was taken up and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 12:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1 of chapter 4019 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act entitled an act to amend section 2 of an act approved February 28, 1893, entitled an act to prescribe a mode whereby counties may erect court houses and other buildings, approved May 4th, 1891;

Which was read the first time by its title yesterday,

Was taken up and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 13:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 865 and 866 of Revised Statutes of Florida, regulating and granting of permits to sell liquors, wines or beer;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

By Mr. Hendly:

Senate Bill No. 14:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4349, Acts of the Legislature of 1895, defining what cities and towns shall impound hogs, and to prohibit the driving them within the corporate limits;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Bitch of 20th:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 15:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section 35 of article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the establishment of courts in this State;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Blich of 21st:

Senate Bill No. 16:

A bill to be entitled an act to further provide for the foreclosure of mortgages, and the sale of mortgaged property;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Blich of 21st:

Senate Bill No. 17:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 414, Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the examinations of accounts of officers authorized to receive public money;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Barber:

Senate Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations, and certain other acts or things intended or tending to prevent, hinder, or obstruct the lawful sale of Florida fed beef or other beef or fresh meat or cattle or other edible animal in this State, or tending to monopolize or control the sale or price thereof;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 19:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the sale of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors; to provide penalties for violation of the same, and to repeal sections 865, 866, 867, 868 and 869, chapter 9, Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to petitions and permits of applicant for license as dealer in spirituous, vinous and malt liquors;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Temperance when appointed.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 20:

A bill to be entitled an act enlarging and extending the rights, powers and privileges of the Tropical Building and Investment Company;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 21:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal section 6 of chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers; all amendments to said section, and to provide for the payment of bonds issued under the provisions of said section, and to prescribe the manner in which new bonds may be issued;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 22:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the manner of apprehending deserting seamen;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 23:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing a penalty for leaving sick seamen or paupers in the seaports of the State of Florida;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 24:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing a remedy in cases of illegal or excessive tax assessment;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 25:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the redemption and cancellation of tax sales certificates held by the State for taxes due for the year 1895 and previous years;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 26:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 11 of an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, approved May 16, 1889, and to extend the powers of said municipality, approved May 25, 1891;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 27:

A bill to be entitled an act to require all taxes on land sold for partition to be paid out of the purchase money;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By permission—

Mr. Chipley introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 2:

Resolved, That a committee on Mining be added to the Standing Committees of the Senate.

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Consideration of Resolutions.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

Resolved, the House concurring, That a committee consisting of two on the part of the Senate and three from the House be appointed to investigate the books, receipts and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and they are authorized to employ such clerical aid as will enable them to make their regular investigation,

Was taken up,

The question pending on adjournment yesterday being Mr. Gaillard's motion to amend the resolution by striking out the words "and Treasurer."

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Carson offered the following amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

Add to the resolution the words "and the committee shall have power to send for persons and papers."

Mr. Darby accepted the amendment.

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

Which was agreed to.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4:

Resolved, the House concurring, That a committee to consist of two from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to investigate the books, records, accounts and balances of the Treasurer, and that they are authorized to

employ such clerical aid as will enable them to make thorough investigation.

Resolved further, That said committee is hereby authorized to send for persons and papers,

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Gaillard moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Carson moved that the further consideration of this resolution be deferred for the present;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

A message was received from the Secretary of State.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived, and that the message from the House of Representatives providing for the appointment of a Joint Committee to meet the Interstate Commerce Commission in Jacksonville, be taken up and read;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 7, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

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 for the appointment of a Joint Committee to meet the Interstate Commerce Commissioners in Jacksonville, Florida, on the 9th inst.

And have appointed Messrs. Ayer of Marion, and Carlisle of Alachua, such committee on part of the House.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The resolution contained in the above message was read the first time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived, and that House Concurrent Resolution No. 13 be read the second time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and the resolution was read the second time.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Mr. Darby on the committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived, and that the action of the Senate on House Concurrent Resolution No. 13 be certified to the House of Representatives immediately;

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

Concurrent Resolution of Admiration for Greece and Sympathy With Crete.

Be it Resolved by the Senate of Florida and the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Florida, in session convened, concurring:

Section 1. That while it is impossible for the State of Florida in her sovereign capacity to aid the unhappy citizens of Crete, or the heroic people of Greece in any material way, we consider it a privilege, a tribute to civilization and Christianity, to express our admiration and sympathy for the gallant struggle against barbarism in its war upon the Christian people of Crete.

Sec. 2. That we regard with horror the effort of the civilized powers of Europe to uphold a despotism that has ever gloated over the torture, murder and debauchery of Armenians, and now seeks to massacre the helpless women and children of Christian Crete.

Sec. 3. Though it is necessarily futile in practical results, it is a satisfaction to express our detestation of the oppression, by the allied powers, of a people who furnished the story of Thermopylæ, as an inspiration for all future generations; a nation to which a noted divine eloquently claims we are a "debtor for the language of the New Testament; the best sermon ever preached, the best letters ever written, and the best visions ever kindled." The world is debtor to the Greeks for our poetry, history, comedy, mythology, tragedy.

literature, medicine, athletics, architecture, music and art, and we protest against the payment of the debt by the upholding of their barbarous assailants.

Sec. 4. That the Secretary of State is authorized, and hereby directed, to have these resolutions, upon their passage, handsomely engrossed, and forwarded to his majesty, King George of Hellas,

Was taken up and read the second time.

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

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the following clipping from the Atlanta Constitution be printed in the Journal in connection with the above resolution; the same being a Turkish prayer:

O Lord of all creatures! O Allab! destroy thine enemies: the enemies of religion; O Allab! make their children orphans and defile their bodies; cause their feet to slip; give them and their families, their household and their women, their children and their relations by marriage, their brethren and their friends, their possessions and their race, their wealth and their lands, as booty to the Moslems—O Lord of all creatures!;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6:

Resolved, That a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House be appointed to consider the most advisable system to be adopted for the employment of the State convicts,

Was taken up and read the second time.

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

Mr. Bailey moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6 be at once certified to the House of Representatives;

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a special committee consisting of three from the House of Representatives and two from the Senate, be appointed to investigate and report the condition of the Insane Asylum at Chattahoochee, not later than April 20th,

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived, and that the House Message containing the announcement of the passage

of a resolution by the House of Representatives on the same subject be taken up and read;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 7, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

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. 15, relative to the appointment of a Joint Committee to investigate the State Insane Asylum at Chattahoochee.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 15, contained in the above message,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived, and that House Concurrent Resolution No. 15 be adopted;

Which was agreed to by a two thirds vote.

Mr. Reeves withdrew Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9:

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of two from the Senate and two from the House of Representatives be appointed to visit the Florida Agricultural College, East Florida Seminary, West Florida Seminary, and the South Florida Military Institute, and examine the records, books, management, control and general condition of said institutions, and report their findings to their respective bodies,

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Palmer of 14th, moved the adoption of the resolution; Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 7, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

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 Joint Memorial to Congress to recognize the beligerent rights of Cuba.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

House Joint Memorial No. 12, contained in the above message, was read the first time.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived, and that House Joint Memorial No. 12 be read the second time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Joint Memorial No. 12 was read a second time.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Joint Memorial be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Joint Memorial No. 12 was read a third time.

Upon call of roll the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dimick, Fuller, Hartridge, Hendly, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—26.

Nays—None.

So House Joint Memorial was passed, title as stated.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived, and that the action of the Senate be immediately certified to the House;

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

Mr. Williams announced the death of Hon. W. Naylor Thompson of Nassau, former Senator from the 16th District, and moved that next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock be set apart for appropriate memorial exercises in reference thereto;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that the Senate return to Consideration of Resolutions, and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4 be taken up;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4:

Resolved, the House concurring, That a committee to consist of two from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to investigate the books, records, accounts and balances of the Treasurer, and that they are authorized to employ such clerical aid as will enable them to make thorough investigation,

Was again read.

Mr. Fuller offered the following Substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4:

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That a committee of two on the part of the Senate and three from the House be appointed to investigate and ascertain and report to the Legislature how much and what monies of the State and various counties of the State, as a trustee or otherwise, is now deposited or loaned out to the banks, banking institutions, other corporations, or individuals by the Treasurer of the State, or by the board composed of the Governor, Treasurer and Comptroller, also the terms and conditions upon which any monies are deposited or loaned out as aforesaid, also upon what securities such monies are deposited or loaned, the amount and value of such securities as well as the names of the corporations, firms or individuals now holding such deposits or loans,

Be it further resolved, That such committee be empowered and especially requested to investigate and report to this Legislature, the condition, amount and circumstances of the deposit by the Treasurer of any such monies in the defunct Merchants National Bank of Ocala, the character, amount and value of the securities upon which the same was deposited or loaned, their present value, also what steps are necessary

to be taken by this Legislature in order for the State to realize upon such securities,

Be it further resolved, That this committee shall have power to send for persons and papers, to force attendance and to compel the giving of testimony, and to employ such clerical and expert aid as may be necessary to make a thorough investigation in all these particulars.

Mr. Gaillard accepted the Substitute.

Mr. Gaillard moved the adoption of the substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gaillard moved that the rules be waived, and that Substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4 be at once certified to the House of Representatives;

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

The President announced the appointment of the following reception committee on the part of the Senate to receive Hon. W. J. Bryan:

Messrs. Chipley, Broome, McLin, Hooker and Dougherty.

Mr. Broome declined to serve on the committee, and Mr. Adams was appointed in his stead.

Mr. Reeves moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1897.

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, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with. The Journal was corrected and approved.