

victions. As a private citizen he was gentle in spirit, lofty in purpose, and only aspired to that which was good and exalted in character.

When adversity overtook him he followed the path of right and rectitude, planting himself upon principle and bidding defiance to misfortune. Had gossip, with its poisoned tongue, meddled with his good name, beautifully would it have been hushed by the erectness of his carriage, the straightforwardness of his course, the serenity of his countenance, and the purity of his life and character.

Knowing him as well as I did, appropriately can I apply the sentiment of an eminent bard: "His word was his bond; his heart as far from fraud as Heaven from Hell."

Mr. Myers moved that a rising vote be taken;
Which was agreed to.

And the resolutions offered by the committee were agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Dougherty moved that an enrolled copy of the resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased Senator so far as the Senate was concerned;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge moved as a token of respect to the deceased that the Senate do now 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 15, 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, Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendly, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

The President appointed Messrs. Reeves, Peacock and Hooker on the part of the Senate, under House Concurrent Resolution No. 21, to investigate the convict's camps or stockade, where convicts are kept, and to investigate the treatment of State convicts.

Introduction of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

Mr. Dimick introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 11:

Resolved, That the committee to be appointed under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14, to investigate (among other things) the Florida East Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, be requested to make a report not later than May 5th.

Mr. Dimick moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hooker introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 12:

Resolved, That the Committee on Enrolled Bills be authorized to employ clerical help when they deem it necessary.

Mr. Hooker moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chipley introduced the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17:

Senate Concurrent Resolution inviting Hon. J. L. M. Curry to address the Legislature.

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

Whereas, The Hon. J. L. M. Curry, a statesman, an author, an educator, and the agent of one of the largest beneficiary educational funds in the world, and a friend and benefactor of the whole South, and of the State of Florida in particular, in the dispensation of the Peabody and Slater funds, will be in the State during the month of April,

Resolved, That the Legislature, the House concurring, extend to Mr. Curry an invitation to address the Legislature on education, in the hall of the House of Representatives, at 11 o'clock a. m., on the 29th day of this month;

Which was laid over under the rules until to-morrow.

Mr. Barber introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Engrossed Bills be authorized to employ such additional clerical aid as may be necessary.

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

A message from the House of Representatives was received:

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Hooker.

Senate Bill No. 84:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the forging of certain instruments, and prescribing the penalty therefor;

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

By Mr. Bynum:

Senate Bill No. 85:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled "an act to amend section 1 of an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties, regulating the payment of criminal costs and providing for the feed of prisoners and hire of convicts," approved June 1, 1897;

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

By Mr. Roberts:

Senate Bill No. 86:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent non-residents from hunting or killing wild deer, turkey or quail without first obtaining a license from the Board of County Commissioners;

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

By Mr. Fuller:

Senate Bill No. 87:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the catching or taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida;

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

By Mr. Barber:

Senate Bill No. 88:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the pay of members, officers and attachés of the regular session of the Legislature of A. D. 1897;

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

By Mr. Chipley:
Senate Bill No. 89:

A bill to entitled an act to establish a battalion of naval militia to be known as the First Naval Battalion of the State of Florida;

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

Mr. Chipley asked consent to withdraw Senate Bill No. 6;
Which was granted.

By Mr. Reeves:
Senate Bill No. 90:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4226, Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1893, entitled an act to amend section 1366 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, in regard to the terms of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit of Florida;

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

Consideration of Resolutions.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 29:
Relative to the annual camps of the Florida State Troops,
Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Fuller moved that House Concurrent Resolution No. 29 be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 30:

Relative to the appointment of a Joint Committee to prepare and introduce a bill giving statement of appropriations of 1897, 1898 and 1899,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr Darby moved that House Resolution No. 30 be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 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 passed—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

Relative to the appointment of a Joint Committee to investigate the offices of State Comptroller and Treasurer, with an amendment thereto.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate in House Amendment thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived, and that House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 be taken from the table for consideration;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 was taken up.

Mr. Gaillard moved that the Senate do not concur in House Resolution No. 6;

Which was agreed to.

Consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, contained in House Message, was read.

Mr. Darby moved to concur in House amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blitch of 21st gave notice of a motion to reconsider.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 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 passed—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4:

Relative to appointment of committee to investigate the State Treasurer's office.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The President appointed Messrs. Gaillard and Fuller on

the part of the Senate, under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 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 passed—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

Extending admiration for Greece and sympathy for Crete.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 5:

A bill to be entitled an act transferring all certificates issued to State for unpaid taxes on lands which are now in the hands of Commissioner of Agriculture under chapter 4011, Laws of Florida, to the custody of the State Treasurer, and providing for the redemption and sale of such lands.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 5, contained in above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 6:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a County Court in Duval county, Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 6, contained in above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 8:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1730, Revised Statutes of Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 8, contained in above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 23:

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

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No 23, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 29:

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, 1895.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 29, contained in above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 33:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 13, of chapter 4346, of the Laws of Florida, being an act 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.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 33, contained in above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 53:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 3936, Laws of Florida, being an act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the county of Putnam in the State of Florida, approved May 27, 1889.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives:

And House Bill No. 53, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Hendly requested permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 57 introduced by himself;

Which was granted.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, requested unanimous consent to insert after the number of Senate Bill No. 55, the words "a bill to be entitled;"

Which was granted.

Reports of Committees.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the mode of procedure in civil suits and actions in County Judge's Courts and Courts of Justices of the Peace.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 58:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the taking or receiving of money on deposit by any bank after the insolvency of said bank, and providing punishment for the same.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 80:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating and prescribing fees for feeding prisoners throughout the State, and jailors employed by sheriffs.

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

Very respectfully,

FRED. T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 48, 58 and 80, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2357 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, chapter 3, relating to the limitations of prosecutions in criminal cases.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 51:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 9 of an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties, regulating the "payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs, and providing for the feed of prisoners, and the hire of convicts," approved April 20, 1895.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 62:

A bill to be entitled an act abrogating citations on appeals in chancery causes from the Circuit to the Supreme Court, and making the entry of such appeals notice in such causes.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 63:

A bill to be entitled an act to abrogate the writ of Scire Facias ad Audiendum Errores in appellate proceedings to the Supreme Court, and to provide a substitute therefor in civil causes.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 79:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the times of holding the terms of the Circuit Court in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 83:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the giving of bonds in judicial proceedings, and providing that premiums paid to surety companies upon such bonds shall be taxed as costs.

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 29, 51, 62, 63, 79 and 83, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 48 of an act entitled "an act for the assessment and collection of revenue," approved June 1, 1895.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 50, contained in the above report, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 33:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 12 and 55 of the Laws of the State of Florida, chapter 4328, providing for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and providing for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections, approved May 25, A. D. 1895.

Beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same, and would recommend that it be amended as follows:

In section 2, line 14, strike out the words "by the inspectors,"

And as thus amended, would recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED. T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 33, contained in the above report, together with the amendments offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 72:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2347, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the disposition of the proceeds of life insurance.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the

same, and recommend that it be amended by striking out the words "section 1," and inserting in lieu thereof, "2347. Disposition of proceeds," and as thus amended, would recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 72, contained in the above report, together with the amendments offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 81:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2 of chapter 4434 of the Laws of 1895, entitled an act to repeal chapter 4219 of the Laws of 1893, entitled an act to establish a county court in and for Columbia county, Fla.;

Be leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and would recommend that it be amended by striking out in the caption, as well as in section 1, after the word chapter, "4434," and inserting in lieu thereof, "4435," as this is the chapter to which this amendment refers.

And with this amendment, would recommend that the bill do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 81, contained in the above report, together with the amendments offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 30:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 3936, Laws of Florida, being an act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the County of Putnam, in the State of Florida, approved May 27, 1889.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend the following amendments: In section 2, line 2, strike out the word "criminal," and insert in lieu thereof, "circuit;" also in line 6 between the words "the court," insert "circuit." In section 3, line 1, strike out the words "immediately upon," and insert in lieu thereof, "thirty days after."

And as thus amended, that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

F. T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 30, contained in the above report, together with the amendments offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 31:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment by the Collectors of Revenue of the several counties of the State of Florida, of all moneys received and collected by them from

dealers in spirituous liquors, ales, wines and beer, in their several counties to the County Treasurer of each county, and the distribution of the same.

Have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,

Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

And Senate Bill No. 31, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 82:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Carrabelle, Franklin county, Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And Senate Bill No. 82, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 14, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 32:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Veteran Association of Putnam county, Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 39:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Chautauqua Association, approved February 12th, 1885.

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

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

And Senate Bill Nos. 32 and 39, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 14, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 65:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass with the following amendments: In line 3, section 11, strike out the words "with reasonable diligence," and substitute therefor the words "within five years from the granting of its charter; and provided, the said corporation shall pay the charter fee prescribed by law.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

And Senate Bill No. 65, contained in the above report, together with the amendments offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 14, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,
President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 69:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for completing the Carrabelle, Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad, and to preserve and continue the grant lands heretofore made to aid in its construction.

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

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

And Senate Bill No. 69, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 14, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 74:

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

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

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

And Senate Bill No. 74, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 14, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 77:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Northern Railroad Company, grant it aid and authorize it to operate ship lines.

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under careful consideration, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

And Senate Bill No. 77, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Hendly, Chairman of the Committee on Public Printing, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred—

House Joint Resolution No. 16:

Relative to printing 200 copies of the Constitution of the State of Florida, with amendments, for the use of the Legislature, and five thousand copies for the use of the public.

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

Very respectfully,

J. A. HENDLY,

Chairman Committee on Public Printing.

And House Joint Resolution No. 16, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Bitch of 21st, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 14, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit fishing in the waters of Lake Worth and tributaries.

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

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Chairman Committee on Fisheries.

And Senate Bill No. 67, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Bitch of 21st, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER. }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 73:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the means and method of capturing and killing food fishes in the waters of the New Smyrna Inlet, Hillsboro River, Mosquito Lagoon, Halifax River, Spruce, Tomokee, Bulow and Smith Creeks, and the bays and tributary waters thereof on the east coast of Florida, and providing for the punishment of persons violating the same, and appointing a fish warden, and providing for the escheating the property and appliances, and in disposing of the proceeds of the same.

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

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Chairman Committee on Fisheries.

And Senate Bill No. 73, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 4:

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

Also,

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, 1895.

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 4 and 26, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Joint Resolution memorializing Congress to recognize the belligerent rights of Cuba.

Beg leave to report that the same has been signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President gave notice that he was about to sign—

Joint Resolution memorializing Congress to recognize the belligerent rights of Cuba.

The Joint Resolution was 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.

Bills on Second Reading.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 60:

A Joint Resolution relating to the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 61:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a corporation to be named the Key West Insurance and Trust Company, and to confer certain privileges thereon,

Was taken up and read again.

Mr. Darby moved that 150 copies of Senate Bill No. 61 be printed for the use of the Senate, and that Senate Bill No. 61 remain on second reading;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 64:

A Joint Resolution memorializing Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States as to the election of United States Senators,

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Adams requested permission to withdraw Senate Joint Resolution No 64, introduced by himself;

Which was granted.

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,

Was taken up and read a second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 47:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3 of chapter 4477, Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1895, in reference to a railroad from Tallahassee to Gainesville and other points,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Darby moved that Senate Bill No. 47 lay on the table, subject to call, and that 150 copies of Senate Bill No. 47, together with the original charter, be printed for the use of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

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.

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 68.

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for the completion of the canals and waterways of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company from St. Augustine to Biscayne Bay, and to continue all of its grants, rights, and privileges,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Darby moved that the bill lay over until the special committee of the Legislature appointed to investigate the work of this company make their report;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2357 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, chapter 3, relating to the limitations of prosecutions in criminal cases,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 51:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 9 of an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties, regulating the "payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs, and providing for the feed

of prisoners, and the hire of convicts," approved April 20th 1895,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 62:

A bill to be entitled an act abrogating citations on appeals in chancery causes from the Circuit to the Supreme Court, and making the record of the entry of such appeals notice in such causes,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 63:

A bill to be entitled an act to abrogate the writ of Scire Facias ad Audiendum Errores in appellate proceedings to the Supreme Court, and to provide a substitute therefor in civil causes,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 79:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the times of holding the terms of the Circuit Court in the Fourth Judicial Circuit,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Hartwidge moved that Senate Bill No. 79 remain on its second reading for farther examination;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 83:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the giving of bonds in judicial proceedings, and providing that premiums paid to surety companies for becoming surety upon such bonds, shall be taxed as costs,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Palmer offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 83:

At the end of section 1 add: "Provided, That such costs in no case shall exceed the costs accruing in like cases where bond is given by private parties."

Mr. Palmer moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Adams offered the following substitute for amendment of Mr. Palmer of 14th:

In line 6, section 1, strike out all after the word "surety."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the substitute;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 83, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 33:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 12 and 55 of the Laws of the State of Florida, chapter 4328; providing for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and providing for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections, approved May 25, A. D. 1895,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, together with the amendment offered by the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the committee amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 33, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 72:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2347, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the disposition of the proceeds of life insurance,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, together with the amendments offered by the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the committee amendments;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 72, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 81:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2 of chapter 4434 of the Laws of 1895, entitled an act to repeal chapter 4219 of the Laws of 1893, entitled an act to establish a county court in and for Columbia county, Florida.

Was taken up and read the second time in full, together with the amendments offered by the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the committee amendments;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 81, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

By permission—

Mr. Hendly offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 13:

Resolved by the Senate, That four hundred copies of the Senate Journal be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. Chipley moved to amend by substituting the words "one thousand" for the words "four hundred" in the resolution.

Mr. Adams moved that further consideration be deferred until to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 14, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 55:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the issuance of water works and funding bonds of the city of St. Augustine, in the county of St. Johns, State of Florida, under section 5, of article 7, chapter 3972, Laws of Florida, incorporating the city of St. Augustine, as amended by chapter 4499, and to declare and render valid the bonds issued by said city under an ordinance, and its amendatory ordinances, passed July 1st, and approved July 3d, 1896, under and by virtue of said chapters.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 35:

A bill to be entitled an act to punish the improper exhibition of dangerous weapons.

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 55 and 35, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—
Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 15, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Also,

Senate Memorial No. 34:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States asking that the homesteaders in the storm district be permitted to purchase their lands at not more than twenty-five cents per acre.

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 14 and Senate Memorial No. 34, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Which was agreed to.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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