

either the Circuit or Supreme Court of the State, to be prosecuted by the Attorney-General of the State, the court shall find and give judgment that section 1 of this act has been violated as charged."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bynum, Carson, Clark, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves and Williams—17.

Nays—Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Crosby, Palmer of 14th, Roberts and Thomas—8.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Darby was excused from voting.

Pending the further consideration of Senate Bill No. 106—

Mr. Hartridge 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 morning.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 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, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—27.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was approved.

Mr. Myers moved that Senate Bill No. 96 be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary;

Which was agreed to.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Dougherty:

Senate Bill No. 174:

A bill to be entitled an act to perpetuate the histories of the soldiers of Florida by the publication of a roster of the soldiers engaged in the several wars, and records of each officer and soldier;

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

By Mr. Thomas:

Senate Bill No. 175:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the practice in appellate proceedings from courts of Justices of the Peace, and other inferior courts of the circuit courts;

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

By Mr. Blich of 21st:

Senate Bill No. 176:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Williston in the county of Levy;

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

Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 29, 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 refused to adopt—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18:

Relative to the clerical aid for the Joint Committee on Appropriations, as a similar resolution has been adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 29, 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 Memorial to Congress No. 53:

To establish a term of court at the city of Ocala, in the Southern District of Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

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

Reports of Committees.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 29, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 134:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize municipal corporations in the State of Florida to require male inhabitants thereof to labor upon the public streets.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And Senate Bill No. 134, 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 30, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 139:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable cities and towns to manufacture and distribute gas, electricity, and to construct, purchase, lease or establish and maintain within its limits one or more plants for the manufacture or distribution of gas or electricity, for furnishing light for municipal use and for the use of such of its inhabitants as may require and pay for the same as herein provided.

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

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

And Senate Bill No. 139, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 30, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 163:

A bill to be entitled an act to permit Boards of County Commissioners, in their discretion, to accept bids for certain public printing at less than legal rates.

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

Very respectfully,

W. R. THOMAS,

Acting Chairman Committee on Public Printing.

And Senate Bill No. 163, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 30, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 164:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2, chapter 4214, Laws of Florida, being an act to better protect the oyster beds of this State, approved May 30th, 1893.

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. 164, 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 30, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 103:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize conveyances heretofore made, or that may hereafter be made, of the separate estate or property of a married woman who is under twenty-one years of age.

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 103, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 30, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 46:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to costs in examination of criminal cases before grand juries and county solicitors.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 45:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the payment of officers' costs in civil cases.

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. 46 and 45, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 30, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 107:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida, and to provide for the organization and conducting of the municipal government of said city, and prescribing the powers and functions of said municipality.

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 107 contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Bills on Second Reading.

Senate Bill No. 106:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the use of money for political purposes by corporations;

Which was under consideration at adjournment yesterday, was taken up.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 106:

Strike out section 3.

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bynum, Chipley, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Peacock, Phipps and Wadsworth—10.

Nays—Messrs. Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dougherty, Hooke, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Roberts and Thomas—16.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 106:

In line 1, section 5, strike out all words in said section after the word "in," and substitute therefor the words "the county where such payment or contribution is made."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 106:

In line 5, section 1, after the word "any," add the words, "improper or corrupt."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 106, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate consider bills on their third reading;
Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Bills on Third Reading.

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,

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Dougherty moved that Senate Bill No. 58 be recommended to the Committee on Judiciary;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Darby moved that Senate Bill No. 58 be placed back upon its second reading, and that 150 copies be printed, and that it be made a special order for 10:30 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 30, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act prescribing a penalty for landing sick seamen or paupers in the seaports of the State of Florida.

Also,

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 the same has been duly 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 announced that he was about to sign—

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 27th, 1889.

And,

An act prescribing a penalty for landing sick seamen or paupers in the seaports of the State of Florida.

The acts were therefore 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.

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,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Roberts and Williams—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

A committee from the House of Representatives announced that the House was ready to receive the Senate in joint session, and to proceed to the election of a United States Senator in joint session.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Senate proceeded in a body to the hall of the House of Representatives.

12 O'CLOCK M.

JOINT SESSION, April 30, 1897.

At 12 o'clock the Senate entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, and was received by the House.

President Perrenot in the chair.

The President ordered the Secretary of the Senate to call the roll of the Senate.

Upon call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—29.

A quorum present.

The President ordered the roll of the House called.

Upon call of the roll, the following Members answered to their names:

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Ayer, Baggett, Baker, Bethel, Blanton, Bunch, Burnsed Canty, Carlisle, Carter, Chaires, Christie, Cobb, Cox, Crumpton, Dupree, Dyal, Ellis, Frisbee, Fielding, Fulton, Hardee, Harris, Hendry of Taylor, Hyer, Lamar, Lewis, Linton, McCall, McCreary, Mobley, Morgan of Hamilton, Morgan of Putnam, Owens, Pelot, Pedrick, Pope, Potter, Rawls, Register, Rice, Richbourg, Robertson, Rouse, Shepard of Liberty, Shepard of Orange, Sloan, Spencer, Stanford, Stockton, Street, Thayer, Turner, Wall of Bradford, Wall of Putnam, Ward, Watson, Whitner, Williams, Wilson, Wolff, Young and Zewadski—64.

A quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Adams introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter the time used in the explanation of a vote shall be limited to five minutes, unless an extension be granted by the Joint Assembly.

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Broome moved to amend the resolution by adding: "And that no one be allowed to give the speaker his time;"

Which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the joint session proceed to vote for a United States Senator;

Which was agreed to.

And the joint session proceeded again to vote for United States Senator.

The roll of the Senate was called, and the vote was:

For Call—Messrs. Adams, Barber, Broome, Crosby, Palmer of 14th, Roberts and Thomas—7.

For Chipley—Mr. President, Messrs. Bynum, Clark, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Palmer of 11th, Peacock and Reeves—11.

For Raney—Messrs. Bailey, Carson, Daniel, Darby, Myers, Phipps and Wadsworth—7.

For Hocker—Messrs. McLin and Williams—2.

For Burford—Mr. Blich of 20th—1.

Total number of votes cast, 28.

Mr. Blich of 21st was paired with Mr. Fuller.

The roll of the House of Representatives was called, and the vote was:

For Call—Messrs. Bethel, Bunch, Burnsed, Canty, Carlisle, Carter, Crumpton, Dupree, Dyal, Frisbee, Hardee, Hendry of Taylor, Lewis, Linton, McCreary, Mobley, Morgan of Hamilton, Morgan of Putnam, Pelot, Pope, Rawls, Register, Rouse, Shepard of Liberty, Stockton, Wall of Bradford, Wall of Putnam, Ward and Wilson—29.

For Chipley—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Baggett, Cobb, Ellis, Harris, Hyer, Owens, Pedrick, Richbourg, Robertson, Shepard of Orange, Spencer, Street, Thayer, Turner, Watson, Whitner, Williams and Young—19.

For Raney—Messrs. Blanton, Chaires, Christie, Cox, Fielding, Lamar, Rice and Wolf—8.

For Hocker—Messrs. Fulton, Sloan and Zewadski—3.

For Burford—Mr. Ayer—1.

For Mallory—Mr. McCall—1.

Total number of votes cast, 61.

Mr. Stanford was paired with Mr. Hendry of Lee.

Mr. Baker was paired with Mr. Dees.

Mr. Potter was paired with Mr. Bates.

The Secretary announced that twenty-eight (28) votes in the Senate, and sixty-one (61) in the House, making a total of eighty-nine (89) votes, had been cast, of which the following gentlemen received the number opposite their respective names:

Wilkinson Call, 36;

W. D. Chipley, 30;

G. P. Raney, 15;

W. A. Hocker, 5;

R. A. Burford, 2;

Jas. McKay, 1.

The President announced that no one having received the requisite majority of votes cast as required by law, that there was no election of United States Senator.

Mr. Darby moved that the joint session adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the joint session stood adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

1:25 O'CLOCK.

At 1:25 p. m. the Senate resumed its session.

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, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas, Wads-
Worth and Williams—27.

A quorum present.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 30, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was re-
committed by their request—

Senate Bill No. 96:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize sheriffs and clerks of court to publish all legal advertisements, required by law to be published, in such newspapers, published in said counties as may be designated by the plaintiff, his, her, or their agent or attorney.

Beg leave to report that this bill has appeared on the Journal by the title which is endorsed thereon, to-wit: "A bill to be entitled an act authorizing sheriffs and clerks of court to publish legal advertisements in such newspapers published in said county as may be designated by plaintiff, his agent or attorney, and to prescribe penalties for failure or refusal," and they recommend that the Secretary correct the endorsement to correspond with the title on the face of the bill.

And your committee further recommend that the title of the bill be amended by striking out the word "authorize," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "require," and also by adding thereto, after the word "attorney," the words, "and prescribing the penalty for failure or refusal so to do."

And, with the above amendments, they recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,
FRED T. MYERS,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 96, 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 moved that the Secretary be directed to make the corrections suggested by the Judiciary Committee in above report;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of—

Bills on Third Reading.

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 12, 1885,

Was taken up and read a third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Mr. Myers asked unanimous consent to amend Senate Bill No. 82;

Which was granted.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment:

After the words "title X" in the second line of second page of engrossed bill, insert the following: "Of the first division."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to unanimously.

Upon call of the roll on passage of the bill, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Hooker, Myers, Mc-

Lin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 75:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to abolish the present municipal government of the city of Sanford, Orange county, Florida, and organize a city government for the same, and provide its jurisdiction and powers,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Mr. Carson asked unanimous consent to amend the title of Senate Bill No. 75;

Which was granted.

Mr. Carson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 75:

In the title of the bill, after the words "amend an act," insert the words "entitled an act."

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed unanimously.

Upon call of the roll on passage of the bill, the vote was: Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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 third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Mr. Daniel asked unanimous consent to amend the title of the bill on its third reading;

Which was granted.

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

Strike out all after the words "judicial proceedings" in the title of the bill.

Mr. Daniel moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to unanimously.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was: Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blich

of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts and Thomas—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate recur to bills on second reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Darby called up Senate Bill No. 110 which had previously been read the second time.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 110 (printed copy):

In line 12, section 3, after the word "corporation," and before the word "in," insert the word "publication."

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 110 (printed copy):

In line 4, section 5, after the word "firm" and before the word "and," insert "guaranteeing the bonds of any employe to any employer."

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 110, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The Senate resumed the consideration of bills on third reading.

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 to continue the grant of lands heretofore made to aid in its construction,

Was taken up and read a third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Crosby, Daniel, Gaillard, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—19.

Nays—Mr. Darby—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 91 be taken up out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 91:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation

of the town of White Springs, in the county of Hamilton, and to declare the incorporation of the town of White Springs valid and of full force and effect,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and that all bills passed by the Senate this morning be immediately certified to the House of Representatives;

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

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the Senate do now take a recess until 4 p. m.;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4:00 O'CLOCK.

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, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Harridge, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—24.

A quorum present.

Mr. Gaillard was excused from attendance on account of committee work.

Senate Bill No. 84:

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

Was taken up and read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—21.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 84 passed, title as stated.

By permission—

Mr. Blich of 20th introduced:

Senate Bill No. 177:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the mode of issuing temporary certificates of qualification by the Boards of Medical Examiners, defining the duties of the members and secretaries of the same, and prescribing a punishment for a breach thereof;

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

House Bill No. 70:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of storm sufferers in the counties of Levy, Alachua, Columbia, Bradford, Baker, Suwannee, Nassau and Lafayette,

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Barber asked unanimous consent to offer an amendment to the bill upon its third reading;

Which was granted.

Mr. Barber offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 70:

In line 4, section 2, strike out the word "and," and substitute therefor the word "of," and that the word "proofs," in line 4, be stricken out, and the word "proof" be substituted therefor.

Mr. Barber moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Blich of 21st moved that House Bill No. 70 be passed informally;

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered as a substitute that the bill be placed back upon its second reading;

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 70 was placed back upon upon its second reading.

Senate Bill No. 32:

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

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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 third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 61:

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

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Mr. Phipps asked unanimous consent to offer an amendment to the bill;

Which was granted.

Mr. Phipps offered the following amendment:

In line 2, section 4, strike out the figures "10," and substitute therefor the figures "20."

Mr. Phipps moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to unanimously.

Upon call of the roll upon the passage of the bill, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich of 20, Blich of 21st, Bynum, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Phipps, Thomas and Williams—15.

Nays—Messrs. Barber, Carson, Crosby, Reeves and Roberts—5.

So Senate Bill No. 61 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Broome, Mr. Palmer of 14th and Mr. Palmer of 11th were excused from voting.

Senate Bill No. 65:

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

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—20.

Nays—Messrs. Barber and Palmer of 14th.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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 escheating the property and appliances, and in disposing of the proceeds of the same,

Was taken up.

Mr. Dougherty asked leave to withdraw Senate Bill No. 73; Which was granted.

Senate Bill No. 76:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the care and attention of injured members of the Florida State Fireman's Association, and to provide for the burial of deceased members,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Bynum, Carson, Darby, Dougherty, Palmer of 11th, Phipps and Williams—10.

Nays—Messrs. Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Clark, Crosby, Dimick, Hartridge, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Roberts and Thomas—13.

So Senate Bill No. 76 failed to pass.

Mr. Wadsworth was excused until Tuesday.

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 third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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

SATURDAY, May 1, 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, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—23.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Barber was excused for the day.

Mr. Peacock was excused for the day.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 178:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the city of Orlando to confer the offices of clerk, assessor and treasurer, or any two of such offices, upon one person;

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

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 179:

A bill to be entitled an act to empower cities and towns to assess omitted lands and lands illegally sold for taxes;

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

Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 29, 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 Memorial No. 38:

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States asking for an appropriation of \$10,000 for improving the Kissimmee river, lakes and canals tributary thereto.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Memorial No. 38, contained in the above message, was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 29, 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 Memorial No. 46:

A Memorial to Congress asking for an appropriation for opening two inlets into Indian river.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Memorial No. 46, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 30, 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 Resolution No. 51:

Relative to a settlement between the State of Florida and the Western Railway of Florida Company, formally known as the Green Cove Springs and Melrose Railroad Company.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Joint Resolution No. 51, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 29, 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 Memorial No. 52:

To Congress to enlarge the powers and jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Memorial No. 52, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Reports of Committees.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 1, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 141:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the burning of woods and forests in Santa Rosa county, Florida.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

F. T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 141, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 1, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Militia, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 174:

A bill to be entitled an act to perpetuate the history of the soldiers of Florida, by the publication of a roster of the soldiers engaged in the several wars, and the records of each officer and soldier.

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

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,
Chairman Committee on Militia.

And Senate Bill No. 174, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 1, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to provide for the regulation of railroad schedules, freight, express, sleeping car and passenger tariffs, and building of freight and passenger depots in this State; to prevent unjust discrimination in the rates charged for the transportation of passengers and freight, and to prohibit railroad companies, corporations, persons and all common carriers in this State from charging other than just and reasonable rates and to enforce the same, and to prescribe a mode of procedure and rules of evidence in relation thereto, provide for the appointment and election of commissioners, and to prescribe their duties and powers.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Phipps 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 1, 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 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,

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 55, contained in the above message, was read and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 30, 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 relating to negotiable instruments, being an act to establish a law uniform with the laws of other States on that subject.

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 the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By permission—

Mr. Chipley introduced (for Mr. Barber):

Senate Bill No. 180:

A bill to be entitled an act to postpone the collection of taxes for the year 1896 in the counties of Levy, Alachua, Columbia, Bradford, Baker, Suwannee, Nassau and Lafayette;

Which was read the first time by its title.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

The hour of 10:30 having arrived, the hour set for the consideration of the special order, Senate Bill No. 58.

Mr. Chipley moved that the special order be deferred until after the Senate shall have further considered Senate Bill No. 180, just introduced.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 180 be read the second time in full;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 180 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 180:

Section 2. That all the State taxes due for the year 1896 shall be remitted from the amount of taxes due upon all parties in said district who had their dwelling houses blown down by said storm.

Change section 2 in said bill to section 3, and section 3 to section 4.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 180:

Strike out the words "Suwannee, Bradford, Nassau and Lafayette" wherever they occur.

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

And Senate Bill No. 180, as amended, was referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Myers asked leave to withdraw Senate Bill No. 11, and moved that House Bill No. 33 be substituted therefor on the calendar;

Which was agreed to.

Special Order.

At 11:30 o'clock the Senate took up—

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.

And Senate Bill No. 58 was again read the second time in full.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 58 (printed copy):

In line 8, section 1, insert the words "so deposited" after the word "having," and before the word "any."

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

Mr. Dimick offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 58 (printed copy):

In line 5, section 1, after the word "liabilities," insert "either in currency or good collateral."

Mr. Dimick moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Dimick withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 58 (printed copy):

In line 4, section 1, strike out the word after the words "is" down to the word "the" in line 5, and substitute therefor the word "insolvent."

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

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 58 (printed copy):

In line 8, section 1, after the word "bank," the last word, add "after the insolvency of said bank."

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

Mr. Dimick offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 58 (printed copy):

In section 1 strike out all after the word "punished" in line 6, and to and including the word "or" in line 7.

Mr. Dimick moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Chipley, Daniel, Dimick, Hartridge and Hooker—6.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Darby, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Reevea, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—15.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 58 (printed copy):

In line 3, section 1, after the word "shall" add the word "knowingly."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending the discussion of the amendment—

A committee from the House of Representatives announced that the House was ready to receive the Senate in joint session, and to proceed to the election of a United States Senator in joint session.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Senate proceeded in a body to the hall of the House of Representatives.

12 O'CLOCK M.

JOINT SESSION, May 1, 1897.

At 12 o'clock the Senate entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, and was received by the House.

President Perrenot in the chair.

The President ordered the Secretary of the Senate to call the roll of the Senate.

Upon call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—27.

A quorum present.

The President ordered the roll of the House called.

Upon call of the roll, the following Members answered to their names:

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Ayer, Baggett, Baker, Bethel, Blanton, Bunch, Burnsed, Canty, Carlisle, Carter, Chaires, Christie, Cox, Crumpton, Dupree, Dyal, Ellis, Frisbee, Fulton, Hardee, Harris, Hyer, Lewis, Linton, McCall, McCreary, Mobley, Morgan of Hamilton, Morgan of Putnam Pelot, Pedrick, Pope, Potter, Register, Rice, Richbourg, Robertson, Rouse, Shepard of Liberty, Shepard of Orange, Sloan, Spéncer, Stanford, Stockton, Street, Thayer, Turner, Wall of Bradford, Wall of Putnam, Watson, Whitner, Williams, Wilson, Wolf and Zewadski—56.

A quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was approved.

Mr. Pope offered the following resolution:

Whereas, There are rumors rife that unfair practices are being indulged in with reference to the election of a United States Senator, and such rumors are a reflection upon the manhood of the members of this joint assembly, and though ordinarily such "talk" should not be seriously considered, but treated with silent contempt, yet in the present emergency it is proper that such rumors should receive the attention of this assembly, and the same be thoroughly investigated and ventilated; therefore be it

Resolved, That Messrs. W. R. Thomas, T. A. Darby, J. A. Carlisle, W. Hunt Harris and J. C. Pelot, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, with power to send for persons and papers, to enquire into and investigate said rumors, and report to this joint assembly at as early a time as practicable their finding thereon.

Mr. Pope moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Stockton of Duval moved that all pairs be announced, and the candidates for whom such pairs respectively would vote, before proceeding to a ballot, and that the same be spread upon the journals.

Mr. Robinson moved to lay the motion on the table.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

The roll of the Senate was called, and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Reeves and Wadsworth—16.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Blich of 21st, Broome, Crosby, Darby, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—10.

Upon call of the roll of the House, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Baggett, Chaires, Christie, Dupree, Ellis, Fulton, Harris, Hyer, Morgan of Putnm, Pedrick, Potter, Register, Rice, Richbourg, Robertson, Shepard of Orange, Spencer, Stanford, Street, Thayer, Turner, Wall of Putnam, Watson, Whitner and Williams—26.

Nays—Messrs. Ayer, Baker, Bethel, Balentine, Bunch, Burnsed, Canty, Carlisle, Carter, Cox, Crumpton, Dyal, Frisbee, Hardee, Lewis, Linton, McCall, McCreary, Mobley, Morgan of Hamilton, Pelot, Pope, Rouse, Shepard of Liberty, Sloan, Stockton, Wall of Bradford, Wilson, Wolff and Zewadski—30.

Total yeas in the Senate, 16; in the House, 26; total, 42.

Total nays in the Senate, 10; in the House, 30; total 40.

So the motion to lay on the table prevailed.

Mr. Palmer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when a Legislator's name is called he shall announce, if paired, for whom he would vote were his pair present, and for whom his pair would have voted when the pair was made.

Mr. Palmer moved the adaption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wolff moved that the joint session proceed to vote for a United States Senator;

Which was agreed to.

And the joint session proceeded again to vote for United States Senator.

The roll of the Senate was called, and the vote was:

For Call—Messrs. Adams, Broome, Crosby, Darby, Palmer of 14th, Roberts and Thomas—7.

For Chipley—Mr. President, Messrs. Bynum, Clark, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Palmer of 11th and Reeves—10.

For Raney—Messrs. Bailey, Carson, Daniel, Myers, Phipps and Wadsworth—6.

For Hocker—Messrs. McLin and Williams—2.

Total number of votes cast, 25.

Mr. Blich of 21st announced that he was paired with Mr. Fuller; that if Mr. Fuller were present he would vote for Mr. Chipley, and he would vote for Mr. Call.

The roll of the House of Representatives was called, and the vote was:

For Call—Messrs. Ayer, Bethel, Blanton, Bunch, Carlisle, Carter, Crumpton, Dupree, Dyal, Frisbee, Hardee, Lewis, Linton, McCall, McCreary, Mobley, Morgan of Hamilton, Pelot, Register, Rouse, Shepard of Liberty, Stockton, Wall of Bradford, Wall of Putnam and Wilson—25.

For Chipley— Messrs. Baggett, Ellis, Harris, Hyer, Pedrick, Richbourg, Shepard of Orange, Spencer, Street, Thayer, Turner, Watson and Whitner—13.

For Raney—Messrs. Chaires, Christie, Cox, Rice and Wolff—5.

For Burford—Mr. Morgan of Putnam—1.

For Hoeker—Messrs. Fulton, Sloan and Zewadski—3.

Total number of votes cast, 47.

Mr. Baker announced that he was paired with Mr. Cobb; that if Mr. Cobb were present he would vote for Mr. Chipley, and he would vote for Mr. Call.

Mr. Burnsed announced that he was paired with Mr. Peacock; that if Mr. Peacock were present he would vote for Mr. Chipley, and he would vote for Mr. Call.

Mr. Canty announced that he was paired with Mr. Ballentine; that if Mr. Ballentine were present he would vote for Mr. Chipley, and he would vote for Mr. Call.

Mr. Pope announced that he was paired with Mr. Owens; that if Mr. Owens were present he would vote for Mr. Chipley and he would vote for Mr. Call.

Mr. Potter announced that he was paired with Mr. Bates; that if Mr. Bates were present he would vote for Mr. Call, and he would vote for Mr. Chipley.

Mr. Robertson announced that he was paired with Mr. Hendry of Taylor; that if Mr. Hendry of Taylor were present he would vote for Mr. Call, and he would vote for Mr. Chipley.

Mr. Stanford announced that he was paired with Mr. Hendry of Lee; that if Mr. Hendry of Lee were present he would vote for Mr. Hoeker, and he would vote for Mr. Raney.

Mr. Williams announced that he was paired with Mr. Ward; that if Mr. Ward were present he would vote for Mr. Call, and he would vote for Mr. Chipley.

Mr. McCall announced that his colleague, Mr. Young, was paired with Mr. Rawls; that if they were present Mr. Rawls would vote for Mr. Call, and Mr. Young for Mr. Chipley.

Mr. Speaker (Mays) announced that he was paired with Mr. Lamar; that if Mr. Lamar were present he would vote for Mr. Raney, and he for Mr. Chipley.

In changing his vote, and in explanation thereof, Mr. Ayer was allowed to have his remarks printed in the Journal as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT:

Every gentleman whose name is before this Assembly for United States Senator, has assured us that he is a silver

Democrat, and stands squarely on the Chicago platform, and I believe that every one of them is as sound as a silver dollar—after it is melted.

Now the question naturally arises if they are all silver Democrats standing on the same National platform, why would not any one of them represent us in the United States Senate just as well as another? If there were no other issue, that would be so; but there is another question, that in my humble opinion is paramount, even, to the coinage of silver. It cannot be dodged, so let us face it like men.

In defining this question, let me say now that I cast no reflections on any other man, but do so only to show my "reason for the faith that is in me."

Hundreds of good citizens of this State tell us, in words and by their votes, that they do really believe that capitalists who come here and invest millions of money in building the great thoroughfares and magnificent hotels in our State, thus making the wilderness and waste places bloom like the rose, that these capitalists should have not only control of our financial affairs, but also of the entire political machinery of our State. In other words, that they are the State. I believe that these men are honest, and mean just what they say, and I assure them that I am equally honest when I tell them that I do not believe that one from their ranks, who has spent the best part of his life in their service, and whose money and heart is on that side, can any more change his views, by being elected to the United States Senate, than a leopard can change his spots, or that he can any more represent me and my people than he can represent the people of another planet.

On the other side thousands of us believe that politically and legally, in fact as well as in theory, that a poor man should have all of the rights, privileges and protections thrown around his little home and farm, that surrounds the millionaire's palace and his possessions. We are not ready to admit that money in a man's pockets puts brains into his head or patriotism into his heart.

From these ranks and these alone do we believe that a Senator can be chosen that will represent all parties and all industries in the great State of Florida.

Gentlemen, there is no disguising the fact, this question does and will divide the Democracy of Florida until it is fairly adjusted, and by simply saying "this is all bosh" will not fill up the gap, nor can you bridge it over with flowery speeches, and the man who marches blindly into this ravine, will be covered up and buried out of sight with the righteous

indignation and contempt of his constituents. Gentlemen, this is a question of principle and not of men.

I do not believe, as others seem to, that my vote represents the entire State or even the wishes of all my own county, but I do believe that every vote that I have or will cast, represents the wishes of a majority of my constituents.

I believe that my county would have been pleased to have Burford; that they would be delighted with Hocker and do not object to Call. You see that I am pinned to no man, but am pledged to a principle.

That Call has made mistakes I do not question or doubt, but am only surprised that he has not made more. Where is the American statesman who has been in politics for thirty years, that can show so clean an escutcheon.

Gentlemen the line is drawn and the battle is on; shall we stand beating the bushes on the skirmish line? I propose this day to fall into the front ranks and vote for the people's friend, old Wilk Call.

The Secretary announced that twenty-five (25) votes in the Senate, and forty-seven (47) in the House, making a total of seventy-two (72) votes, had been cast, of which the following gentlemen received the number opposite their respective names:

Wilkinson Call, 32;
W. D. Chipley, 23;
G. P. Raney, 11;
W. A. Hocker, 5;
R. A. Burford, 1;

The President announced that no one having received the requisite majority of votes cast as required by law, that there was no election of United States Senator.

Mr. Harris moved that the joint session adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the joint session stood adjourned until 12 o'clock Monday, May 3, 1897.

1:30 o'clock.

At 1:30 p. m. the Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty,

Gaillard, Hartidge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas and Williams—25.

A quorum present.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 30, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Also,

An act prescribing a penalty for landing sick seamen or paupers in the seaports of the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Darby moved that the Committee on Engrossed Bills be requested to return to the Secretary Senate Bill No. 110; Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 10 o'clock Monday morning; Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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