

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:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 181:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing and regulating the time for holding the terms of the Circuit Court, in and for the Third Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida;

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

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 182:

A bill to be entitled an act to require express companies to deliver freight at the point or place where such freight is billed or marked to be delivered;

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

By Mr. Thomas:

Senate Bill No. 183:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable foreign corporations to do business in the State of Florida, and regulating the same;

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

Messages from the House.

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—

House Bill No. 82:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the present corporation of the town of Clearwater Harbor, Florida, and to provide a municipal government for the town of Clearwater, and to define the boundaries thereof.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 82, contained in the 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., 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—

House Bill No. 87:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to title of land by adverse possession without color of title, and to repeal chapter 4412 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act relative to the limitations of actions for the recovery of real property.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 87, contained in the 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., May 1, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 90:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2517 of the Revised Statutes, relating to trespass on farms, gardens, etc.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 90, contained in the 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., May 1, 1897. }

ON. 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. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2479 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, defining and punishing forgery.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 92, contained in the 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 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. 110:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of persons who use labels, trade marks, designs or devices to distinguish articles produced or offered for sale by them.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 110, contained in the 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 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. 57:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Veteran Association of Putnam 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. 57, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Militia.

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 in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 28:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George W. Reynolds, ex-collector of the county of Monroe, 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. 28, contained in the 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 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. 122:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 2190 and 2191 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, requiring all State banks to make reports to the Comptroller, and providing for the appointment and compensation of State bank examiners.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 122, contained in the 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 30, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 51:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the taking of fish in the waters of Osceola county.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

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

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. 59:

A bill to be entitled an act to make an appropriation to pay the enumerators who took the census of the State of Florida A. D. 1895.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 59, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also the following:

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 in--

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the redemption and relief of lands sold for taxes for which the same were not legally liable.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 1, contained in the 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 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. 10:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit any railroad or other transportation company, or any officer or official thereof from contributing any money or free transportation to persons or political parties for political purposes, and to provide penalties therefor.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No 10, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

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 in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 11:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal section 350, chapter 1, title 6, of the 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. 11, contained in the 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 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. 30:

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

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 30, contained in the 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 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. 99:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection and preservation of food fishes in the St. Johns river, and all other streams, rivers, creeks and bayous in 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. 99, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

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. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act to require all county officers to keep a record of all fees received by them, and to make a sworn statement of the same to the grand jury, and to require the foreman of the grand jury to file the same, and to provide a penalty therefor.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 67, contained in the 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 30, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 86:

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

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 86, contained in the 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 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. 64:

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

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 64, contained in the 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 30, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to

inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 55:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2357 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, chapter 111, relating to the limitation of prosecutions in criminal cases.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 55, contained in the above message, was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 3, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 106:

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

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

Very respectfully,

H. GAILLARD,

Acting Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 106, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 3, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 93:

A bill to be entitled an act for the appointment of official stenographers for the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida, and to provide for their being paid, and the way in which the money shall be raised for such pay, and to prescribe the duties of the stenographer, and to fix the amount he shall charge for writing out his notes.

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

Very respectfully,

H. GAILLARD,

Acting Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 93, contained in the above report, was 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., May 3, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint 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, and to provide for the appointment and election of commissioners, and to prescribe their duties and powers.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for signature of Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Orders of the Day.

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;

Which was under consideration when the Senate went into joint session Saturday.

The pending question being the motion of Mr. Hartridge to adopt the following amendment:

In line 3, section 1 (printed bill), after the word "shall," add the word "knowingly."

Mr. Adams moved that Senate Bill No. 58 go over until Senator Palmer of 14th returns;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate proceed to consider bills on their third reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the Senate proceeded to the consideration of—

Bills on Third Reading.

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, 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, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel,

Dimick, Fuller, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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 third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Bitch of 21st—1.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—19.

So Senate Bill No. 29 failed to pass.

Mr. Fuller was excused from voting.

Mr. Darby gave notice that to-morrow he would move to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 29 failed to pass.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint 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 Joint 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; and to provide for the appointment and election of commissioners, and to prescribe their duties and powers.

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 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, and to provide for the appointment and election of commissioners, and to prescribe their duties and powers.

The act was 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. 95:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit killing or catching of mocking birds, or taking the eggs of mocking birds, and to provide a punishment therefor, and prescribe a rule of evidence in such cases,

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, Bailey, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Fuller, Hartridge, McLin, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts and Thomas—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 121:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a Board of Trustees for the State Normal School for whites at DeFuniak Springs, and to prescribe their duties and powers,

Was taken up.

Mr. Reeves moved that Senate Bill No. 121 lay on the table subject to call;

Which was agreed to.

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, sale and conveyance of such lands,

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 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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 1st, 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, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Reeves was excused from voting.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 3, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Beg leave to report that we 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. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 3, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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 of 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 1, and approved July 3, 1896, under and by virtue of said chapters.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for signature of Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 3, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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 of 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.

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 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 of 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 1 and approved July 3, 1896, under and by virtue of said chapter.

The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bill to convey to the Governor for his approval.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 3, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint 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 or evidence in relation thereto, and to provide for the appointment and election of commissioners, and to prescribe their duties and powers.

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.

Senate Bill No. 25:

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

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, Bitch of 21st, Bynum, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 89:

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

Was taken up and read the third time

Mr. Chipley was given unanimous consent to amend the title as follows:

Add the words "A bill to be entitled."

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts and Thomas—23.

Nays—Mr. Williams—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 3, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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 of 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 1, and approved July 3, 1896, under and by virtue of said chapters.

Beq 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.

Senate Bill No. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2251 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the construction of railways in this State by companies incorporated by other states,

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, Bailey, Blich of 21st,

Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas 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, May 3, 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, Blicht of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—26.

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, Ballentine Bethel, Blanton, Bunch, Burnsed, Canty, Carlisle, Carter Chaires, Christie, Cobb, Cox, Crumpton, Dupree, Dyal, Ellis, Frisbee, Fielding, Fulton, 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, Watson, Whitner, Williams, Wilson, Wolff, Young and Zewadski—63.

A quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was approved.

Mr. Wall of Putnam offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That during the time of the sitting of the joint session of the Legislature (after to-day) that no one shall be allowed upon the floor of the House except the ladies, Senators, Members of the House, attaches of both bodies and press reporters.

Mr. Adams moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Messrs. Thomas, Bailey and Gaillard be, and are hereby, appointed tellers from the Senate, and Messrs. McCreary, Hyer and Rice from the House, to keep account of the vote of the joint convention for United States Senator, and the tellers shall be allowed a clerk, without pay, to assist in the count.

Mr. Harris moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blich of 21st moved that the joint session proceed to vote for a United States Senator;

Which was agreed to.

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

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

For Call—Messrs. Adams, Blich of 21st, Broome, Crosby, Roberts and Thomas—6.

For Chipley—Mr. President, Messrs. Bynum, Clark, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker and Reeves—9.

For Raney—Messrs. Bailey, Carson, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Myers, Phipps and Williams—8.

For Hocker—Mr. McLin—1.

Total number of votes cast, 24.

Mr. Chipley announced that he was paired with Mr. Hendley, that if Mr. Hendley were present he would vote for Mr. Call.

Mr. Palmer of 11th announced that he was paired with Mr. Palmer of 14th; that if Mr. Palmer of 14th were present he would vote for Mr. Call, and he would vote for Mr. Chipley.

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

For Call—Messrs. Ayer, Baker, Bethel, Blanton, Bunch, Cauty, Carlisle, Carter, Crumpton, Dupree, Dyal, Frisbee, Hendry of Taylor, Lewis, Linton, McCreary, Mobley, Mor-

gan of Hamilton, Pelot, Pope, Rawls, Register, Rouse, Shepard of Liberty, Stockton, Wall of Bradford and Wilson—27.

For Chipley—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Baggett, Ballentine, Cobb, Ellis, Harris, Hyer, Owens, Pedrick, Richbourg, Robertson, Shepard of Orange, Spencer, Street, Thayer and Watson—16.

For Raney—Messrs. Chaires, Christie, Cox, Fielding, Fulton, Lamar, Morgan of Putnam, Rice, Turner, Whitner, and Wolff—11.

For Hocker—Messrs. Sloan and Zewadski—2.

For McKay—Mr. McCall—1.

Total number of votes cast, 57.

Mr. Wall of Putnam announced that he was paired with Mr. Wadsworth; that if Mr. Wadsworth were present he would vote for Mr. Raney, 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. 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. Young announced that he was paired with Mr. Hardee; that if Mr. Hardee 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. Hocker, 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.

The Secretary announced that twenty-four (24) votes in the Senate, and fifty-seven (57) in the House, making a total of eighty-one (81) votes, had been cast.

The President announced that the following gentlemen had received the number of votes opposite their respective names:

Wilkinson Call, 33;

W. D. Chipley, 25;

G. P. Raney, 19;

W. A. Hocker, 3;

R. A. Burford, 2;

Jas. McKay, 1.

And that no one having received the majority of votes cast required by law, that there was no election of United States Senator.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the joint session adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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

1:20 O'CLOCK.

At 1:20 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, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—25.

A quorum present.

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.

TUESDAY, May 4, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

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

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Hartridge:

Senate Bill No. 184:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the pleadings in