

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Of the Sixth Regular Session of the Legislature Under the Constitution of A. D. 1885, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, on Tuesday, the Sixth day of April, A. D. 1897, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for the meeting of the Legislature.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1897.

The Senate convened at 12 noon, and was called to order by Hon. Fred T. Myers.

Secretary Appleyard called the roll of Senators holding over, and the following answered to their names:

Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blicht of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Hartridge, Myers, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Thomas and Wadsworth—15.

The roll of new Senators was called, and the following answered to their names:

Messrs. Barber, Blicht of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hendly, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Perrenot, Reeves, Roberts and Williams—17.

A quorum present.

The roll of the new Senators was called by fours, and the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, was administered to them by Chief Justice Taylor.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate proceed to the election of a President of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty placed in nomination the name of Senator Charles J. Perrenot of the 1st District, and it was duly seconded.

Mr. Adams moved that Hon. Chas. J. Perrenot be declared elected by acclamation;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that a committee of three be appointed to escort the President elect to the chair;

Which was agreed to.

The chair appointed Messrs. Dougherty, Palmer of 14th, and Hendley, who performed that duty.

After a few eloquent and appropriate remarks by the retiring President—

Mr. Chipley moved that we proceed to the election of a Secretary;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chipley put in nomination the name of T. J. Appleyard, of Orange county, to be Secretary of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chipley moved that T. J. Appleyard be declared elected by acclamation;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chipley put in nomination the names of the following persons to be officers and attaches of the present session, to-wit:

Assistant Secretary, John R. Willis, Levy county.

Reading Secretary, Bert Fish, Volusia county.

Assistant Reading and Bill Secretary, Fred. L. Robertson, Hernando county.

Recording Secretary, O. K. Paxton, Hamilton county.

Engrossing Secretary, E. E. Pons, Baker county.

Enrolling Secretary, John M. Gornto, Lafayette county.

Sergeant-at-Arms, W. R. Grantham, Jefferson county.

Doorkeeper, T. J. Peavy, Gadsden county.

Messenger, F. G. Reeves, Walton county.

Chaplain, Rev. J. B. Ley, Leon county.

Janitor, J. W. Coulter, Marion county.

Pages, Bennie Ellis, Alachua county; Lewis Thompson, Nassau county; J. W. Smith, Putnam county.

Mr. Chipley moved that they be declared elected by acclamation;

Which was agreed to.

And they came forward and took the oath of office as prescribed by law, which was administered by Mr. M. F. Horne, a notary public of Jasper, Hamilton county, Florida.

Mr. Broome moved that the Senate proceed to the election of a president pro tempore;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Broome placed in nomination the name of the Hon. Fred T. Myers, of the Eighth District, for president pro tempore of this Senate.

Mr. Dougherty moved that Mr. Myers be elected by acclamation;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized and ready for business;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed the following as the committee: Messrs. Dougherty, Broome and Bynum.

Mr. Daniel moved that a committee of three be appointed by the President to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the Senate is now organized and ready to receive any communication he may see proper to make to this body;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed the following committee: Messrs. Daniel, Reeves and Peacock.

Mr. Chipley offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 1:

Resolved, That the Senate be governed by the the rules of the last session, until the report of the Committee on Rules be received and adopted;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Adams offered the following Concurrent Resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1:

Resolved, The House concurring, That a committee consisting of two members from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to examine the books, accounts and records of the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and they be allowed to employ such clerical aid as they may find necessary;

Which was laid over under the rules.

Mr. Darby introduced the following Concurred Resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

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

Which was laid over under the rules.

The committee appointed to notify the Governor, returned

and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and were discharged.

A message was received from the Governor.

Mr. Broome introduced the following Concurrent Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3:

Whereas, William J. Bryan led the Democratic party in the memorable campaign of 1896, and

Whereas, He is the eloquent exponent of the great principles of that party as enunciated by the Chicago platform, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Legislature of the State of Florida, hereby issue to Mr. Bryan an earnest invitation to come before this body and address it upon the principles of the party and the issues of the day.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived, and the resolution be immediately considered.

Objection was made by Mr. Hartridge, and the resolution went over under the rules.

Mr. Gaillard introduced the following Concurrent Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No 4:

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

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

Laid over under the rules.

Mr. Chipley introduced the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

Concurrent Resolution of Admiration for Greece and Sympathy With Crete.

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

Section 1. That while it is impossible for the State of Florida in her sovereign capacity to aid the unhappy citizens of Crete, or the heroic people of Greece in any material way, we consider it a privilege, a tribute to civilization and chris-

tlantity, to express our admiration and sympathy for the gallant struggle against barbarism in its war upon the Christian people of Crete.

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

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

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

The resolution was laid over under the rules.

A committee appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that the House was organized and ready for business.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3 be taken up and considered immediately;

Pending which—

The committee appointed by the Senate to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed to business, reported that they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the Senate adjourn until 12 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was not agreed to.

Consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3, was resumed.

The resolution was again read.

Mr. Broome moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3 was adopted.

Mr. Bailey introduced—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6:

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

Laid over under the rules.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3, adopted by the Senate, be at once communicated to the House;

Which was agreed to, and it was so ordered.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the Senate adjourn until noon to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 12 o'clock noon to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendly, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—32.

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 Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

Mr. Chipley introduced the following Concurrent Resolution: