

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.

And the Senate proceeded to the consideration of

Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Darby called up—

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;

Which had been placed back on second reading for amendment.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 29:

In line 4, page 2, after the word "occurred," insert the words "or the filing of an information, or the presentment of indictment."

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 29:

Insert between the figures "2357" and the word "all," the word "limitations."

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 29, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Barber was excused until Tuesday morning.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 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 20th,

Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendly, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Senator Roberts was excused until Wednesday night.

Introduction of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

Mr. Gaillard sent to the desk the following petition:
To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

We, the undersigned, earnestly request your Honorable Bodies to prohibit in the State of Florida, the reproduction by means of the kinoscope or kindred instruments, of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, or any like exhibition at any future time according to the appeal presented by Miss Frances E. Willard, on behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to Governor Bloxham.

Signed by 155 petitioners.

Mr. Reeves moved that the petition be spread on the journal, with the statement that it was signed by 155 names;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that the petition be referred to the Committee on Temperance, with instructions to consider and to report what action, if any, is necessary to be taken thereon;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 14:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Printing be authorized and instructed to have printed 1,000 Senate Journals per day.

Mr. Fuller moved that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Myers moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Public Printing, with instructions to ascertain and report on the next legislative day at what price the contractor for legislative printing will agree to furnish the additional five hundred copies of the Senate Journal;

Which was agreed to.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Myers (by request):

Senate Bill No. 135:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 3742, section 1, of the Laws of Florida, section 2271 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and chapter 3742, section 2, of the Laws of Florida, section 2272 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and chapter 4069 of the Laws of Florida, being an act requiring railroad companies to fence their tracks, and providing remedies against them for failure to do so;

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

By Mr. Williams:

Senate Bill No. 136:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 720 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, in reference to contracting of territorial limits of cities and towns;

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

By Mr. Carson (by request):

Senate Bill No. 137:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for an election in the county of Orange, State of Florida, to determine whether hogs may lawfully run at large in said county;

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

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 138:

Senate Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section two (2) of article five (5) of the Constitution of Florida relating to the Supreme Court;

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

By Mr. Darby:

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;

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

By Mr. Hartridge:

Senate Bill No. 140:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate actions by and against unincorporated associations, and the service of process and papers;

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

By Mr. Perrenot:

Senate Bill No. 141:

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

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

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 142:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit obstructing wagon roads and breaking fences by careless or malicious felling of timber;

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 23, 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 appointed Messrs. Ward of Bradford, Baker of Sumter and McCreary of Alachua, a committee on the part of the House to examine the offices of the State Comptroller and Treasurer.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 23, 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 receded from House amendments numbers 1 and 2 to—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9:

Relative to the appointment of a Joint Committee to visit the Florida Agricultural College, East Florida Seminary, West Florida Seminary, and the South Florida Military and Educational Institute, and appointed the following committee on part of the House: McCall of Hillsborough, Baker of Sumter, Register of Hamilton, Fielding of Suwannee, Cox of Polk and Owens of Lake.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Carson requested that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 be read.

The resolution was read.

Mr. Carson called the attention of the President to the fact that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 called for the appointment of two from the Senate and two from the House of Representatives, and that the latter had appointed six on the committee.

Mr. Carson moved that the attention of the House of Representatives be called to the error, that it may be corrected;

Which was agreed to.

Reports of Committees.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 24, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 117:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Tallahassee and Central Florida Railway Company, and to grant to said company certain lands to aid in the construction of its railway.

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

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

And Senate Bill No. 117, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Broome, Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Expenses, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 24, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Legislative Expenses, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 88:

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

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and respectfully request its passage. Senator McLin dissents with the accompanying minority bill.

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME,

Chairman Committee on Legislative Expenses.

And Senate Bill No. 88, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. McLin presents the following minority report;

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 21, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The undersigned member of the Committee on Legislative Expenses, begs leave to offer the following minority report as a substitute for—

Senate Bill No. 88:

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

Strike out all after the words "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida," in Senate Bill No. 88, and substitute therefor the attached bill.

And recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Member of Committee.

And the substitute attached to the minority report was read a first time in full, and with the original bill 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 24, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PEERENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 29:

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

Be it reported 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. 29, 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 23, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 71:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the regulation of railroad schedules, freight, express 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 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. 71, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

The President stated that he had been requested to make the following announcements:

That memorial services will be held in the cemetery on Monday at 5 o'clock, and all members of the Legislature and visitors are invited.

All Confederate veterans in the city are invited to meet at the court house at 4:30 on Monday, and march to the cemetery with Lamar Camp.

Special Order.

Under Mr. Dougherty's motion previously agreed to, that

Senate Bill No. 71 be a continuous special order until disposed of,

The Senate took up—

Senate Bill No. 71:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the regulation of railroad schedules, freight, express 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.

Mr. Palmer of 11th was granted unanimous consent to offer an amendment.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 71 (printed copy):

In line 27, section 6, after the word "meet," add the words "or when water or other competition exists;" also at the end of said section add the words "and points; and may, in fixing the rate upon any commodity, take into consideration the competition between different localities or shipping points producing or shipping such commodity."

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Dougherty was granted unanimous consent to offer an amendment.

Mr. Dougherty offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 71:

In line 33, section 5, after the words "express companies," insert the words "and sleeping car companies."

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

Mr. Dougherty was granted unanimous consent to offer an amendment.

Mr. Dougherty offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 71:

Amend the title by inserting after the word "express," the words "sleeping car."

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

Mr. Dougherty moved that the consideration of Senate Bill No. 71 be made a special order for 4 o'clock this afternoon

Which was agreed to.

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 24, 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, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendly, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas and Williams—26.

A quorum present.

By request of the President, the Speaker of the House 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, Bates, Blanton Carlisle, Carter, Chaires, Christie, Cobb, Cox, Crumpton, Dees, Dupree, Dyal, Ellis, Frisbee, Fielding, Fulton, Hardee, Harris, Hendry of Lee, 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, Rouse, Shepard of Liberty, Shepard of Orange, Sloan, Spencer, Stanford, Stockton, Street, Thayer, Turner, Wall of Bradford, Wall of Putam, Ward, Watson, Whitner, Williams, Wilson, Wolff, Young and Zewadski—63.

Mr. Carson moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to.

The Journal was then corrected and approved.

Mr. Adams offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in view of the fact that facetiousness costs \$5.50 per minute, that there be no more facetiousness in explanation of votes;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers moved that when this joint session adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that when the joint assembly adjourns, it be to meet on each succeeding day at 12 o'clock meridian;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson 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, Blich of 21st, Broome, Crosby and Thomas—5.

For Chipley—Mr. President, Messrs. Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Palmer of 11th, Peacock and Reeves—8.

For Raney—Messrs. Bailey, Bynum, Carson, Dimick, Myers and Phipps—6.

For Burford—Messrs. Blich of 20th and Hooker—2.

For Hocker—Messrs. McLin and Williams—2.

For Wolf—Mr. Darby—1.

Total number of votes cast, 24.

Mr. Palmer of 14th was paired with Mr. Daniel.

Mr. Clark was paired with Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Wadsworth was paired with Mr. Dyal of the House.

Mr. Hendly announced that he was paired with Mr. Chipley.

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

For Call—Messrs. Baker, Bates, Bethel, Blanton, Bunch, Carlisle, Carter, Crumpton, Frisbee, Hendry of Taylor, Linton, McCreary, Morgan of Hamilton, Pelot, Pedrick, Pope, Rawls, Stockton, Wall of Badford, Wall of Putnam, Ward and Wilson—22.

For Chipley—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Baggett, Cobb, Ellis, Harris, Hyer, Potter, Street, Thayer and Watson—10.

For Raney—Messrs. Chaires, Christie, Dees, Fielding, Lamar, Rice and Stanford—7.

For Burford—Morgan of Putnam—1.

For Hocker—Messrs. Cox, Fulton, Hendry of Lee, Owens, Sloan, Turner, Whitner and Zewadski—8.

For Mabry—Mr. McCall—1.

For Darby—Mr. Wolff—1.

Total number of votes cast, 50.

Mr. Young was paired with Mr. Rouse.

Mr. Dupree was paired with Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Spencer was paired with Mr. Canty.

Mr. Hardee was paired with Mr. Ballentine.

Mr. Richbourg was paired with Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Shepard was paired with Mr. Mobley.

The Secretary announced that twenty-four (24) votes in the Senate, and fifty (50) in the House, making a total of seventy four (74) votes, had been cast, of which the following gentlemen received the number opposite their respective names:

Wilkinson Call, 27;

W. D. Chipley, 18;

G. P. Raney, 13;

W. A. Hocker, 10;

R. A. Burford, 3;

F. A. Wolff, 1;

T. A. Darby, 1.

S. R. Mallory, 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. Dougherty moved that the joint session adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the joint session stood adjourned until 12 o'clock Monday, April 26, 1897.

12:30 P. M.

At 12:30 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, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker,

Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas and Williams—26.

A quorum present.

Mr. Dimick asked that Senate Bill No. 67, on table subject to call, be called up, and the Senate proceeded to consider—

Senate Bill No. 67:

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

The bill was read a second time in full.

Mr. Blich of 21st offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 67:

Add after the word "spear" in section 1, "except during the months of November, December, January, February, March and April, during which time the floating or drift gill net may be used."

Mr. Blich of 21st moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 67, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

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 second time in full, together with the amendment offered by the Committee on City and County Organization.

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the committee amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 91, as amended, was referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 87 be taken up out of its order;

Which was agreed to by a two thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 87:

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

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 87:

In line 1, section 1, strike out all after the enacting clause and substitute therefor the following:

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to catch with any seines or nets any fish in the waters of this State, or to use or employ any seines or nets in the catching of any fish in the waters of this State, between the fifteenth day of June and the fifteenth day of August of each and every year, or to catch any mullet in said waters between the first day of November and the thirty-first day of December in each and every year; Provided, That this law shall not be construed to prohibit the catching of fish in cast nets, or by hook and line.

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to catch any fish in any of the waters of the State of Florida with any seine or net, bait and cast nets excepted, the meshes of which shall be less than one and one-half inches.

Sec. 3. Any persons or person violating any of the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding three months, or both in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 4. Chapter 4343 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller offered the following amendment to the amendment:

That the substitute be amended by striking out section 4. Pending which—

Mr. Darby moved that Senate Bill No. 87 be made a special order for Tuesday at 11 o'clock, and that the bill and the amendments be printed.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that Senate Bill No. 87 be recommitted to the Committee on Fisheries;

Which was not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Darby was not agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the further consideration of Senate Bill No. 87 be postponed until after the Senate has finished the consideration of Senate Bill No. 71 this afternoon.

Mr. Darby moved to amend by adding that "100 copies of the bill be printed."

The amendment was not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Dougherty was agreed to.

Mr. Myers moved that the Senate do now take a recess until 3 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:00 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, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Thomas and Williams—25.

A quorum present.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the special order set for 4 o'clock, the consideration of Senate Bill No. 71, be advanced, and that the bill be now taken up and read a third time;

Which was agreed to.

And,

Senate Bill No. 71:

A bill to be entitled 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,

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, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Thomas and Wadsworth—24.

Nays—Messrs. Hartridge and Williams—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Phipps announced that he was paired with Mr. Barber; that if Mr. Barber were present he would vote for, and Mr. Phipps against the bill.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived, and that the action of the Senate upon Senate Bill No. 71 be at once certified to the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 71 was immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 87:

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

Which was under discussion at the morning session,

Was taken up.

The pending question being the following amendment offered by Mr. Palmer of 11th:

In line 1, section 1, strike out all after the enacting clause, and substitute therefor the following:

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to catch with any seines or nets any fish in the waters of this State, or to use or employ any seines or nets in the catching of any fish in the waters of this State, between the fifteenth day of June and the fifteenth day of August of each and every year, or to catch any mullet in said waters between the first day of November and the thirty-first day of December in each and every year; Provided, That this law shall not be construed to prohibit the catching of fish in cast nets, or by hook and line.

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to catch any fish in any of the waters of the State of Florida with any seine or net, bait and cast nets excepted, the meshes of which shall be less than one and one-half inches.

Sec. 3. Any persons or person violating any of the provisions of this act, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding three months, or both, in the discretion of the court

Sec. 4. Chapter 4343 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor.

And the amendment to the amendment offered by Mr. Fuller, to-wit:

"That the substitute be amended by striking out section 4."

Mr. Chipley moved that 125 copies of Senate Bill No. 87 and amendments proposed be printed, and that Senate Bill No. 87 be made a special order for Friday next at 11 o'clock a. m.

Mr. Chipley withdrew his motion.

Mr. Darby moved that 125 copies of Senate Bill No. 87 and amendments proposed be printed, and that Senate Bill No. 87 be made a special order for Friday next at 11 o'clock a. m.

Mr. Darby withdrew his motion.

Mr. Fuller moved the adoption of his amendment to the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Palmer of 11th, as amended, was then agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 87:

Strike out all before the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida, and to repeal chapter 4343 of the laws of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida."

Mr. Palmer withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Fuller offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 87:

Amend by inserting between sections 3 and 5, as section 4, the following:

"Sec. 4. It shall be unlawful for any haul-nets or seines longer than 350 yards, or for any haul-nets or seines to be attached together in any manner, making a length of more than 350 yards, or for any haul-nets or seines to be fastened by stakes or otherwise with ends nearer to each other than 100 yards, for the purpose of making a stretch or length of more than 350 yards, to be used for the purpose of catching or taking fish from the rivers, creeks, bays, bayous or any other waters on the coasts of the State of Florida; Provided, however, That gill-nets of a length of more than 350 yards may be used in the regular gill-net fishing."

The amendment was ruled out of order.

Mr. Myers moved that Senate Bill No. 87 and the amendments thereto which had been adopted, and the amendment, offered by Mr. Fuller to be numbered section 4, lay on the table subject to call, and that 150 copies thereof be printed;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby gave notice that he would move to reconsider the vote by which the Senate adopted the amendment of Mr. Palmer of 11th, as amended by Mr. Fuller.

Mr. Hendly was allowed to have the following statement entered on the Journal:

Owing to sickness, I was unable to be in the Senate Chamber before the bill for a railroad commission was passed, and having requested permission to record my vote in favor of the bill and been refused because the bill was already passed, I will state that, had I been here, I would have supported the bill, as it is well known by the Senate that I have done everything in my power in support of the bill.

Mr. Reeves moved that he be allowed to call up Senate Bill No. 121 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

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

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 110 be taken up out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill 110:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to surety and guarantee companies and corporations, firms and persons engaging in the business of becoming sureties upon the bonds of employes to employer,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Gaillard raised the point of no quorum, and a roll call was ordered.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Carson, Chipley, Crosby, Darby, Fuller, Gaillard, Hooker, Myers, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves and Williams—17.

A quorum present.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 110:

In line 11, section 5, strike out the word "section" between the words "this" and "such," and substitute therefor the word "act."

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

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 110:

In line 4, section 5, after the word "deposit," insert "and written statements as provided by this act."

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

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 110:

In line 3, section 5, insert after the word "deposit" the words "and file the written agreement."

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

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 110:

In line 17, section 3, insert the word "publication" between the words "corporation" and "in."

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

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 110:

In line 4, section 3, strike out the word "the" between the words "to" and "employes."

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

Mr. Darby moved that Senate Bill No. 110, as amended, lay on the table subject to call, and that 100 copies be printed.

Which was agreed to.

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., April 24, 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. 21:

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

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 21, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 24, 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—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17:

Relative to inviting Hon. J. L. M. Curry to address the Legislature.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 24, 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 corrected the error in the appointment of the committee on the part of the House, as specified in Senate Concurrent Resolu-

tion No. 9, relative to the appointment of a Joint Committee to visit the Florida Agricultural College, East Florida Seminary, West Florida Seminary and South Florida Military Institute, and would respectfully beg leave to state that the House has appointed Messrs. McCall of Hillsborough and Baker of Sumter such committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The President announced that he would appoint on the part of the Senate, under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9, Messrs. Palmer of 14th and Carson.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:30 o'clock Monday morning;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 11:30 o'clock Monday morning.

The following is a list of committees of Senate and House of Representatives appointed up to date under the respective resolutions named:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2—To examine the offices of Comptroller and Treasurer; two from the Senate, Messrs. Darby and Carson. The three from the House are Messrs. Ward, Baker and McCreary.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1—To examine the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture; two from the Senate, Messrs. Adams and Dimick. The three from the House are Messrs. Turner, Ballentine and Wall of Putnam.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Relative to the best disposition of convicts; three from the Senate, Messrs. Bailey, Reeves and Thomas. The five from the House are Messrs. Dyal, Ayer, Shepard of Orange, Bethel and Rawls.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Relative to the books and accounts of the Treasurer; two from the Senate, Messrs. Gaillard and Fuller. The three from the House are Messrs. Whitner, Zewadski and Hyer.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to inspection of the Insane Asylum; one from the Senate, Mr. Roberts. The two from the House are Messrs. Christie and Whitner.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 22—Relative to Legis-

lative apportionment; two from the Senate, Messrs. Chipley and Carson. The three from the House are Messrs. Whitner, Stockton and Canty.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 24—Relative to the investigation of the books of the Internal Improvement Fund; two from the Senate, Messrs. Crosby and Daniel. The three from the House are Messrs. Carlisle, Lewis and Young.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Relative to investigating the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at St. Augustine, and the East Coast Canal Company; one from the Senate, Mr. Hendly. The two from the House are Messrs. Hendry and Bates.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 30—Relating to appropriations; five from the Senate, Messrs. Fuller, Darby, Adams, Blich of 21st and Reeves. The five from the House are Messrs. Wall of Putnam, McCall, Morgan, Shepard of Orange and Cobb.

Senate Concurrent Amendment No. 9—Relative to visiting and investigating the State schools; two from the Senate, Messrs. Palmer of 14th and Carson. The two from the House are Messrs. McCall and Baker.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2—To investigate convict camps, etc.; three from Senate, Messrs. Reeves, Peacock and Clark. The six from the House are Messrs. Carlisle, Dees, Mobley, Wall of Bradford, Rouse and Dupree.

House Concurrent No. 13—To meet Interstate Commerce Commissioners; one from the Senate, Mr. Darby. The two from the House are Messrs. Ayer and Carlisle.

MONDAY, April 26, 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. Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Crosby, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas and Williams—21.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.