

MONDAY, MAY 17, 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. Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Roberts and Thomas—18.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was approved.

Mr. Wadsworth was excused on account of sickness.

Mr. Myers was excused on account of business.

Mr. Bert Fish, Reading Secretary, was excused on account of sickness.

Mr. Thomas was appointed in place of Mr. Carson on Committee on part of the Senate to visit the West Florida Seminary at Tallahassee, and State Normal School at DeFuniak Springs.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Hendley (by request):

Senate Bill No. 245:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the county of Seminole from a portion of the county of Orange;

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

By Mr. Thomas:

Senate Bill No. 246;

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the present corporation of the town of High Springs in Alachua county, and to establish a municipal government for said town, and to prescribe the powers thereof, and to authorize the issuing of bonds for municipal purposes;

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

By Mr. Crosby:

Senate Bill No. 247:

A bill to be entitled an act to annex the west half of townships four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7) and eight (8) south of range twenty-three (23) east, of Bradford county, said lands now being a part of Clay county;

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

By Mr. Dougherty:

Senate Bill No. 248:

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, Tomoke, Bulow and Smith creeks, and the bays and intervening waters thereof on the east coast of Florida, and providing for the punishment of persons violating the same, and appointing a fish warden, and providing for the escheat of property and appliances, and in disposing of the proceeds of same;

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

By Mr. Blich of 21st:

Senate Bill No. 249:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation to defray the funeral and other expenses of Representative H. A. H. Crumpton, and to pay his salary to his widow.

Mr. Blich of 21st moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 249 be read a second time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 249 was read the second time in full.

Mr. Chipley offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 249:

After section 1 insert "Section 2. The widow of the deceased shall be paid the full sum of her husband's pay to end of session." After "section" in section 2 erase "2" and substitute "3."

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blich of 21st offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 249:

Add at the end of the title the words: "And to pay his widow any allowance of salary which would have accrued to him had he lived."

Mr. Blich of 21st moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 249, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

By Mr. Dougherty:

Senate Bill No. 250:

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

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., May 13, 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 indefinitely postponed—

Senate Bill No. 14:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4349, Acts of the Legislature of 1895, defining what cities and towns shall impound hogs, and to prohibit the driving them within the corporate limits.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Broome, from the Senate committee to notify the Governor of the election of a United States Senator, reported that the committee had performed its duty, and the committee was discharged.

Mr. Clark, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 17, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 120:

A bill to be entitled an act for the better protection of live stock.

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

Very respectfully,

W. B. CLARK,

Chairman Committee on Agriculture.

And House Bill No. 120, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Clark, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 17, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 228:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the transporting or transplanting of any plant known as the water hyacinth, or planting the seed of the said plant in any of the waters of this State, and providing a punishment therefor.

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

Very respectfully,

W. B. CLARK,

Chairman Committee on Agriculture.

And Senate Bill No. 228, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 17, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to make an appropriation to pay the balance due the enumerators who took the census of the State of Florida, A. D. 1895.

Also,

An act providing for the appointment of official samp-

lers of phosphate at the several ports where phosphate is shipped in the State of Florida, defining the duties of such official samplers of the railroad, terminal and other companies and persons, fixing the fees and the manner of collection and payment thereof, forbidding sampling of phosphate at ports of other persons, empowering the appointment of deputies and prescribing penalties for a violation of the provisions of this act.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the acts contained in the above report were 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 17, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to make an appropriation to pay the balance due the enumerators who took the census of the State of Florida, A. D. 1895.

Also,

An act providing for the appointment of official samplers of phosphate at the several ports where phosphate is shipped in the State of Florida, defining the duties of such official samplers of the railroad terminal, and other companies and persons, fixing the fees and the manner of collection and payment thereof, forbidding sampling of phosphate at ports of other persons, empowering the appointment of deputies, and prescribing penalties for violations of the provisions of this act.

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 providing for the appointment of official samplers of phosphate at the several ports where phosphate is shipped in the State of Florida, defining the duties of such official samplers of the railroad terminal and other companies and persons, fixing the fees and the manner of collection and payment thereof, forbidding sampling of phosphate at ports of other persons, empowering the appointment of deputies, and prescribing penalties for a violation of the provisions of this act.

Also,

An act to make an appropriation to pay the balance due the enumerators who took the census of the State of Florida A. D. 1895.

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.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 17, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act transferring all certificates issued to the State for unpaid taxes on lands which are now in the hands of the 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.

Beg leave to report that we 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.

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SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 17, 1897. }

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President of the Senate:

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

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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.

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J. N. HOOKER,
Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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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.

The following communication from the Governor was read:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 17, 1897. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY:

The following resolution which passed the House on May 3d, and the Senate on May 5th, was received by the Board of

State Institutions, and advertisements at once made in pursuance of the request therein contained. The resolution is as follows.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Board of State Institutions of the State of Florida are hereby requested to receive bids for the leasing of the State convicts until the 15th day of May, A. D. 1897, and to report the same to the House of Representatives not later than the 17th day of May, A. D. 1897. Said bids to read as follows: "For the leasing of State convicts for the next ensuing four years."

"Resolved further, That no lease shall be made under this resolution until after the said bids have been submitted to the Legislature."

On the 15th instant, the board assembled to open the bids, and the following was the only bid received:

GEN. DAVID LANG,

Secretary of the Board:

BID FOR HIRE OF CONVICTS.

In pursuance of an advertisement in The Weekly Floridian of May 8, 1897, we, the undersigned, make the following bid for hire of all convicts for the next ensuing four years beginning January 1, 1898, upon the following conditions:

That we pay for each year's hire the sum of \$20,000 upon the basis of seven hundred convicts, this sum to be diminished or increased in proportion to the diminution or increase in the number of convicts.

Respectfully submitted,
[Signed] CRANFORD, WEST, CAMP & Co.

It is proper to state, in submitting the bid to the Legislature in pursuance of said resolution, that the members of the Board of State Institutions are unanimous in the opinion that the bid is too low, and should not be accepted.

Respectfully,
W. D. BLOXHAM,
Governor and President of the Board.

Orders of the Day.

Senate Bill No. 119:

A bill to be entitled an act for the control and extermination of diseases and insects of horticultural and agricultural products of the State of Florida;

Which had been taken up when the Senate went into joint session Friday last, was read the second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 119 was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

A message was received from the Governor.

Bills on Second Reading.

House Bill No. 33:

A bill to be entitled a general act relating to negotiable instruments, being an act to establish a law uniform with the laws of other States on that subject,

Was taken up.

Pending the reading—

Mr. Darby moved that House Bill No. 33 be made a special order for 11 o'clock Wednesday, and that 230 copies be printed for the use of the Senate;

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

Senate Bill No. 86:

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

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 86:

In line 2, section 1, strike out the words "any non-resident of this," and substitute therefor the words "for anyone."

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which—

Mr. Roberts was allowed to withdraw Senate Bill No. 86.

Mr. Dimick moved that he be allowed to exchange places of Senate Bills Nos. 53 and 161; that Senate Bill No. 161 be substituted for Senate Bill No. 53 on the calendar;

Which was agreed to.

And,

Senate Bill No. 161:

A bill to be entitled an act to make it unlawful for live stock to run at large in Dade county, Florida, and to provide for the impounding and sale of stock so running at large,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Dimick offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 161:

In line 3, section 1, after the word "within," omit the words "Dade county," and substitute therefor the words "the following described portion of Dade county, to-wit: All of Dade county lying east of the range line dividing ranges 40

and 41 as far south as township line between townships 50 and 51, thence west to line dividing ranges 39 and 40, thence south to township 54, thence west to line dividing ranges 38 and 39, thence south to county line."

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

Mr. Dimick offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 161:

In line 6, section 1, after the word "said," insert the words "portions of said."

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

Mr. Dimick offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 161:

At the end of section 1, add the words "Provided, That this act shall apply only to the above described portion of Dade county. And provided further, That the County Commissioners of Dade county shall, when in their judgment it shall become necessary, build or cause to be built, a three-strand barbed-wire fence, the posts to be not more than ten feet apart, along the entire boundary line of the hereinbefore described portion of Dade county."

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

Mr. Dimick offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No 161:

In line 4, section 2, after the word "the," insert the words "portion of."

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

Mr. Dimick offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 161:

In line 9, section 3, after the word "notice," strike out the words "posted at three or more places in said county, one of which shall be at the court house door," and substitute therefor the words "published in a newspaper published in said county."

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

Mr. Dimick offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 161:

In line 9, section 4, omit the words "one per cent. per month," and substitute therefor the words "the legal rate"

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

And Senate Bill No. 161, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Phipps moved that—

House Bill No. 58:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 4432, Laws of Florida, being an act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the county of Monroe, approved April 17, 1895.

Lay on the table subject to call;

Which was agreed to.

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,

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

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the amendment offered by the Judiciary Committee;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 96, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 8:

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

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And House Bill No. 8 was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 6:

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

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And House Bill No. 6 was passed to the calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 146:

A bill to be entitled an act to continue the powers, rights, privileges and grants of the Atlantic and Gulf Railway Company, and to amend the same,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Hooker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 146 (original copy):

Add, "Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval by the Governor."

Mr. Hooker moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 146, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Phipps was permitted to withdraw Senate Bill No. 113.

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.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 164 was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills:

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,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved to indefinitely postpone Senate Bill No. 134;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 134 was indefinitely postponed.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 17, 1897. f.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 249:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation to defray the funeral and other expenses of Representative H. A. H. Crumpton, and to pay to his widow any balance of salary which would have accrued to him had he lived.

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.

Mr. Blich of 20th moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 249 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 249 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Chip-

ley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartidge, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps and Roberts—18.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 249 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

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,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 139:

Add the words "A bill to be entitled" to the title.

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 139:

When the word "lighting" is spelled "lightning" the engrossing clerk correct the same.

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 139, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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 second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 70;

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 70 was indefinitely postponed.

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,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived, and that

Senate Bill No. 174 be read the third time and upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 174 was read the third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Blich of 20th., Blich of 21st, Broome; Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Phipps, Roberts and Thomas—19.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 174 passed, titled as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 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 again read the second time in full, as previously amended.

Mr. Darby offered the following substitute for section 5:

"Section 5. If any company, corporation, firm or person shall become surety upon the bond of any employe to an employer without first making the deposit and filing the written agreement as provided in the first and third sections of this act, and any person who shall seek or solicit business in behalf of such company, corporation, firm or person in becoming surety upon bonds of employes or employers in violation of the provisions of this act, every such company, corporation, firm or person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, and if any employer shall accept as surety upon the bond of any employe any company, corporation, firm or person who engages in the business of licensing surety upon such bonds in violation of the provisions of this act, such employer and his agent or agents shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the substitute for section 5;

Which was agreed to.

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

In line 7, section 3, insert after the word "thereof," and before the word "designating," "a written agreement."

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

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

At 12:35 o'clock—

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate do now go into executive session;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And at 12:40 the doors were closed.

1:05 O'CLOCK.

At 1:05 p. m. the doors were opened.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Blicht of 20th, Blicht of 21st, Broome, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Roberts and Thomas—19.

A quorum present.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the Senate do now take a recess until 4 o'clock;

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, Blicht of 20th, Blicht of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps and Roberts—21.

A quorum present.

Mr. Perrenot was excused for this afternoon on account of sickness.

Mr. Dimick moved that he be allowed to swap places of Senate Bills Nos. 53 and 221 on the calendar;

Which was agreed to.

And,

Senate Bill No. 221:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for the commencement of work upon the Titusville, Canaveral and Peninsular railroad,

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

Senate Bill No. 145:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent adulteration of candy, Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 165:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2183, Revised Statutes of the State of Florida; regulation of banking business,

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

Senate Bill No. 152:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the catching of fish in the lakes and ponds in the State of Florida located upon the lands of private individuals,

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

Mr. Hartridge moved that he be allowed to substitute Senate Bills Nos. 193, 194 and 195 on the calendar for Senate Bills Nos. 140, 149 and 94, also on second reading;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge asked permission to withdraw Senate Bills Nos. 94 and 140;

Which was granted.

And Senate Bills Nos. 94 and 140 were withdrawn.

Senate Bill No. 193:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled "an act to provide for municipal officers of the city of Jacksonville, a municipal corporation existing in Duval county, Florida, to prescribe their terms of office, provide for their election and appointment, and to regulate their compensation, and to repeal chapter 4301 of the Laws of Florida," approved May 27, 1895,

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

House Bill No. 194:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the powers and duties of the Board of Public Works and Bond Trustees of the city of Jacksonville,

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

Senate Bill No. 195:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 5 of chapter 4498 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for municipal officers of the city of Jacksonville, a municipal corporation existing in Duval county, Florida, to prescribe their terms of office, provide for their election and appointment, and regulate their compensation, and to repeal chapter 4301 of the Laws of Florida, approved May 27, 1895,

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

Senate Bill No. 131:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1 of "an act in relation to the prosecution by the State of violation of prohibition regulations," approved April 25, 1895,

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

Senate Bill No. 166:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent trespassing upon railroad trains, and to authorize railroad conductors to arrest and detain persons violating this law.

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

House Bill No. 57:

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

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and put on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 125:

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge the liability of sureties upon supersedeas bonds,

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

Senate Bill No. 129:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the release of sureties from certain bonds in the State of Florida.

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

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,

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

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the Judiciary Committee amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 181:

In line 8, section 1, strike out the word "Monday," and insert "Tuesday."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 181:

In line 12, section 1, strike out the word "Monday," and insert "Tuesday."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 181:

In line 2, section 2, strike out the word "Monday," and insert the word "Tuesday."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 181:

In line 6, section 2, strike out the word "Monday," and insert the word "Tuesday."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

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,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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,

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

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,

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

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,

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

House Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act to require all county officers to keep a record of all fees and charges 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,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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 3, relating to the limitations of prosecutions in criminal cases,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 55;

Which was agreed to.

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,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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.,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Phipps moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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

Confirmations.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

BREVARD COUNTY.

- District No. 1—James Mendall.
 District No. 2—John R. Walker.
 District No. 3—William H. Sharpe.
 District No. 4—John Houston.
 District No. 5—John N. Waller.

JACKSON COUNTY.

- District No. 1—Noah Barfoot.
 District No. 2—R. E. Kelley.
 District No. 3—George Farley.
 District No. 4—A. A. Stribbling.
 District No. 5—S. L. Hatton.

HERNANDO COUNTY.

- District No. 1—S. M. Bryan.
 District No. 2—J. M. Hedeck.
 District No. 3—D. G. Hennes.
 District No. 4—C. S. Wilson.
 District No. 5—A. M. White.

PASCO COUNTY.

- District No. 1—James H. Delcher.
 District No. 2—J. T. Waller.
 District No. 3—D. H. Smith.
 District No. 4—Andrew Barthle, Sr.
 District No. 5—M. L. Moseley.

PUTNAM COUNTY.

- District No. 2—S. J. Kennerly.
 District No. 3—John Hancock.
 District No. 4—John Harvey.
 District No. 5—Thomas W. Thompson.

T. C. Taliaferro, H. L. Branch, J. W. Fitzgerald, B. Garcia
 G. B. Sparkman, to be Pilot Commissioners for the port of
 Tampa.

Isaac A. Stewart of DeLand, Fla., to be Judge of the
 Criminal Court of Record for Volusia county.

James W. Perkins of DeLand, to be County Solicitor for Volusia county, Fla.

Joseph Brown, of Pensacola, Florida, to be Public Custodian of Lost Timber and Lumber for the Port of Pensacola, in Escambia county, Florida.

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tempore, Mr. Myers, in the chair.

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

Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Reeves and Roberts—18.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Dougherty was excused on account of sickness.

Mr. Phipps was excused on account of sickness.

Mr. Perrenot was excused on account of sickness.

Mr. Blich of 21st offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 28:

Resolved, That hereafter all reports of committees be handed in to the Secretary of the Senate, and the reading of the reports be dispensed with, and the bills contained therein be placed on their respective readings; and that when practicable the reports be given to the Secretary before the hour for meeting in the morning.

Mr. Blich of 21st moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Barber:

Senate Bill No. 251:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the enticing or persuading by any means any servant, laborer or employe to violate his contract of employment, or the employing any