

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

servant, laborer or employe to be under contract of employment of another, and to provide a punishment therefor;

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

By Mr. Barber:

Senate Bill No. 252:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the boundaries of Orange Park;

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

The following communication from the Comptroller was read:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, STATE OF FLORIDA, }
 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 TALLAHASSEE, May 17, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—In response to the resolution adopted by the Senate on the 14th inst., providing "That the Comptroller be requested to furnish a list of the banks, State and National, that return their stock for taxation, and showing the face value and assessed value of such stock," I beg to submit the following statements as to State and National banks, respectively:

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL STOCK OF STATE BANKS, AND VALUATIONS ASSESSED THEREON AS APPEARS FROM ASSESSMENT ROLLS OF 1896.

County.	Name of Bank.	Capital Stock.	Assessed Value.
Duval	State Bank of Florida..	\$50,000 00	17,000 00
Leon.....	Capital City Bank.....	50,000 00	20,500 00
Leon.....	State Savings Bank	20,000 00	8,000 00
Lake	Bank of Tavares	15,000 00	6,750 00
Lake	Leesburg & Co. State B'k	25,000 00	10,000 00
Polk	State Bank of Ft. Meade	12,500 00	6,250 00
Orange	State Bank of Orlando..	25,000 00	8,333 31
Pasco.....	Bank of Pasco County..	15,000 00	7,500 00
Brevard....	Brevard Co. State Bank	25,000 00	10,000 00
Brevard....	Indian River State Bank	25,000 00	10,000 00
Brevard	Melbourne State Bank.	15,000 00	6,000 00

Jefferson....	Jefferson Co. State Bank	40,000 00	11,730 00
Monroe	Union B'k of Key West.	50,000 00	17,000 00
Volusia	Volusia County Bank ..	50,000 00	15,000 00
Hillsborough	Bank of Tarpon Springs.	20,000 00	10,000 00
Hillsborough	St. Petersburg State B'k	15,000 00	7,500 00
Dade	Dade County State B'k	15,000 00	6,000 00
Madison....	Bank of Madison.....	20,000 00	13,500 00
Hernando ..	Brooksville State Bank..	15,000 00	7,500 00
Gadsden....	Quincy State Bank	60,000 00	13,560 00

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL STOCK OF NATIONAL BANKS, AND VALU-
ATIONS ASSESSED THEREON, AS SHOWN ON ASSESSMENT
ROLLS OF 1896.

County.	Name of Bank.	Capital Stock.	Assessed Value.
Alachua	First National Bank of Gainesville	\$50,000 00	\$14,000 00
Duval	First National Bank of Florida.....	50,000 00	11,000 00
Duval	National Bank of Jack- sonville.....	150,000 00	63,750 00
Duval	National Bank of the State of Florida.....	100,000 00	46,000 00
Duval	Merchants National B'k	100,000 00	32,000 00
Leon	First National Bank of Tallahassee.....	50,000 00	20,000 00
Polk.....	Polk Co. National Bank	50,000 00	25,000 00
Orange.....	National Bank of San- ford	50,000 00	16,666 66
Escambia	Citizens National B'k.	100,000 00	30,000 00
Escambia	First National Bank.	100,000 00	50,000 00
Monroe	Nat'l Bk of K. West.	100,000 00	32,300 00
Marion	Mer. Nat. Bk of Ocala.	100,000 00	50,000 00
Hillsborough	Exchange Nat. Bank.	100,000 00	50,000 00
Hillsborough	1st Nat. Bk of Tampa.	50,000 00	50,000 00
Putnam.....	Putnam Nat. Bank.	50,000 00	15,000 00
St. Johns	1st Nat. Bk of St. Aug.	100,000 00	15,000 00
Nassau	1st Nat. Bk of Fern'd'a.	50,000 00	18,700 00

Yours very respectfully,

WM. H. REYNOLDS,
Comptroller of the State of Florida.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Gaillard, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 14, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 234:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 5 of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers of the boards of commissioners of pilotage and port wardens in and for the ports of this State, approved June 12, 1891.

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

Very respectfully,

H. GAILLARD,

Chairman Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

And Senate Bill No. 234 contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Gaillard, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 14, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 235:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 957 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, providing for the appointment of harbor masters for certain ports.

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

Very respectfully,

H. GAILLARD,

Chairman Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

And Senate Bill No. 235, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

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

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 99:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix a penalty for horse and cattle stealing.

Also,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 128:

Senate Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section 5 of article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to election of County Commissioners.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 151:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to chattel mortgages.

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 99 and 151, and Senate Joint Resolution No. 128, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

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

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 127:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the West Florida Gulf Coast Railway Company, to provide for its organi-

zation, construction and operation, to provide for it to acquire, hold, lease and convey its real and personal property, to issue bonds and to grant lands to aid its construction.

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. 127, 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., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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,

Also,

Senate Bill No. 125:

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

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 195 and 125, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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 violations of the prohibited regulations, approved April 25, 1895.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 152:

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

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 131 and 152, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 14, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, 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.

Also,

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.

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 88 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 138, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 68:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for the completion of the canals and waterways of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company from St. Augustine to Biscayne Bay, and to continue all its grants, rights and privileges.

Also,

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section four (4) of an act approved May 27, 1893, entitled "an act to amend section four (4) of an act entitled an act to be entitled an act in relation to the land grant of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, and prescribing the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, in relation thereto, the right of settlement thereof, and the specifications for the construction of its waterways, and the time of its completion from St. Augustine to Biscayne Bay, approved May 29, 1889.

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Substitute for Senate Bill No. 68, 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., May 14, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 148:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 4177 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act concerning County Boards of Health, and to provide for the disposition of funds and effects in possession of County Boards of Health, approved May 25, 1893.

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. 148, 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., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

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. 165, 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., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 145:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the adulteration of candy.

Also,

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 the State, approved May 30, 1893.

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 164 and 145, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 14, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 176:

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

Also,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 123:

Senate Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section 6, of article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to county officers.

Also,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 143:

Senate Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to

section one (1) of article ten (10) of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to homestead exemptions.

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 176 and Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 123 and 143, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

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

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 101:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to require persons killing hogs or sheep for market, to exhibit the marks of such hogs or sheep, being chapter 4186 of the Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1893.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 130:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the city of Palatka to borrow money by issuing bonds for water works and a system of sewerage.

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 101 and 130 contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading

Mr. Hendley moved that—

Senate Bill No. 124:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4180, Acts of 1893, entitled an act to amend section 568 and 578 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, concerning annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida,

Be taken up from the table and considered;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 124 was taken up and read the second time in full, together with the amendments offered by the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the committee amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blitch of 21st offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 124 (printed copy):

In line 30, section 1, after the words "1880," insert "any Confederate soldier who arrived in this State prior to 1885, and has since resided within the State, shall be entitled to a pension under the provisions of the pension laws, after proof of disability."

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

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 124 (printed copy):

In line 29, section 1, after the word "unmarried" insert "or who is now a widow."

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

And Senate Bill No. 124, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Bailey moved that—
House Bill No. 44:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3 of chapter 4477, Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1895, in reference to a railroad from Tallahassee to Gainesville and other points.

Now on the table, be taken up;
Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 44 was taken up and read the second time in full and placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Blitch of 21st moved that he be permitted to exchange the places of Senate Bills Nos. 189 and 104 on the calendar; Which was agreed to.

And,

Senate Bill No. 189:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of bicycle paths,

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

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,

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

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the committee amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 11, as amended, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

House Memorial No. 53:

Memorial to the Congress of the United States asking the establishment of a term of the United States Circuit Court in and for the Southern district of Florida at the city of Ocala, Marion county, in said Southern district,

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

House Memorial No. 52:

A Memorial to Congress to enlarge the powers and jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission,

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

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.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 10 (engrossed copy):

In line 3, section 1, after the word "company," add the words "or for any person."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which—

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the further consideration of House Bill No. 10 be made a special order for 11:30 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Special Order.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of—

Senate Bill No. 28:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1742 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the acquisition of liens by persons in privity with the owner, and to amend section 1743 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the acquisition of liens by persons not in privity with the owner, and to amend section 1744 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the remedies of lienors against either real or personal property;

Which had been set for this time.

And Senate Bill No. 28 was read the second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 28 (printed copy):

In lines 26 and 27, section 2, strike out the words "by the owner," and substitute therefor the words "to the lienor."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 28 (printed copy):

Change numbering of the section so as to make section 4, when it first occurs in the bill, to read "section 3."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 28 (printed copy):

After the word "defendant", that being the last word in line 19 of section 3, strike out the word "section."

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

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 28, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Adams moved that he be allowed to change places of Senate Bills Nos. 182 and 209 on the calendar;

Which was agreed to.

And,

Senate Bill No. 209:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the construction and maintenance of gates across the public roads in this State, and to provide for the removal of the same,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 209 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 209 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of

21st, Broome, Bynum, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Hart-
ridge, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th and
Roberts—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives
By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 18, 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 ap-
pointment of deputies and prescribing penalties for a violation
of the provisions of this act.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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 amend section 9 of an act entitled an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties, regulating the payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs, and providing for the feed of prisoners and hire of convicts, approved April 20, 1895.

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.

House Joint Resolution No. 51:

Relative to a settlement between the State of Florida and the Western Railway of Florida Company, formerly known as the Green Cove Springs and Melrose Railroad Company, Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Dimick moved that House Joint Resolution No 51 lay on the table subject to call, and that 100 copies be printed for the use of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

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 second time in full.

Mr. Hartridge moved that Senate Bill No. 29 be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Hartridge withdrew the motion.

Mr. Darby moved that Senate Bill No. 29 lay upon the table subject to call;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 177:

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

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 247:

A bill to be entitled an act to annex the west half of town-
 ships 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.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 245:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the county of Sem-
 inole from a portion of the county of Orange.

Have had the same under consideration, and return the
 same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And Senate Bills Nos. 247 and 245, contained in the
 above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second
 reading.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 246:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the present corpora-
 tion of the town of High Springs in Alachua county, and to pre-
 establish a municipal government for said town, and to pre-

scribe the powers thereof, and to authorize the issuing of bonds for municipal purposes.

And,

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.

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

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And Senate Bill Nos. 246 and 250, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading—

At 12 o'clock—

Mr. Hartridge moved that the Senate do now go into executive session;

Which was agreed to, and the doors were closed.

12:30 O'CLOCK.

At 12:30 o'clock the doors were opened.

The President pro tempore in the chair.

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

Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th and Roberts—17.

A quorum present.

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

Which was agreed to.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4:00 O'CLOCK.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tempore 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, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Reeves and Roberts—17.

A quorum present.

The following communication from the Governor was read:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 19, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Board of Commissioners of State Institutions have received from Messrs. Cranford, West, Camp & Co., the following bid as an amendment to the bid submitted to the Legislature on yesterday:

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS,

Tallahassee, Fla.

GENTLEMEN:

BID FOR HIRE OF CONVICTS.

In pursuance of an advertisement in The Weekly Floridian, of May 8, 1897, we, the under-signed, make the following bid for the hire of all the convicts for the next ensuing four years, beginning January 1, 1898, upon the following conditions: That we pay the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars per annum for the next four years for the hire of all convicts sentenced to the State prison by the different courts of the State, payments to be made semi-annually as formerly.

[Signed] CRANFORD, WEST, CAMP, VANDOR & Co.

This bid eliminates the uncertainty of the amount to be received by the State under the former bid, and raises the sum to what the State is now receiving.

In view of the responsible character of the gentlemen making the bid, and the fact that it is the same that is now being received for the convicts, the members of the board, if it meets the concurrence of the Legislature, would respectfully recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM,

Governor and President of the Board.

And was ordered spread upon the Journal.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 9, of an act entitled an act establish a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties regulating the payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs and providing for the feed of prisoners and hire of convicts, approved April 20, 1895.

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.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 9 of an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties, regulating the "payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs, and providing for the feed of prisoners, and the hire of convicts," approved April 20, 1895.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 9 of an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties, regulating the "payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs, and providing for the feed of prisoners, and the hire of convicts," approved April 20, 1895.

" 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 amend section 9 of an act entitled an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties regulating the payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs, and providing for the feed of prisoners and hire of convicts, approved April 20, 1895.

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.

By permission—

Mr. Reeves introduced:

Senate Bill No. 253:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 1927 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act declaring Alaqua Creek navigable, approved February 14, 1872;

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 253 be read second time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 253 was read second time in full.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 253 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 253 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Reeves and Roberts—20.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 253 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Adams offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That we recommend to the State Board of Institutions the advisability of accepting the bid now pending before their Board made by Messrs. Cranford, West, Camp, Vander & Company for the hire of State convicts for the next four years at the price of twenty-one thousand dollars per annum net to the State, in accordance with the advertised bid.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and that the concurrent resolution be adopted:

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be further waived, and that the action of the Senate upon the above resolution be at once certified to the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Senate Bill No. 109:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning libel in civil and criminal cases,

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

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

SENATE CHAMBER,)
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 18, 1897. {

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 199:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate five thousand dollars to be used in testing an invention of C. Stewart Bailey to protect orange groves and vegetable growing against frost and freezes.

Beg leave to report that they have examined same, and return it herewith without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. B. CLARK,

Chairman Committee on Agriculture.

And Senate Bill No. 199, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Senate Bill No. 162:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 939 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to examination and licensing of pilots by Pilot Commissioners,

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

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the committee amendments;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 162, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 170:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for service upon non-resident defendants in certain chancery cases,

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

House Bill No. 105:

A bill to be entitled an act declaring it a misdemeanor on the part of the employers to require as a condition of employment the surrender of any right of citizenship.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Bailey moved that 100 copies of House Bill No. 105 be

printed for the use of the Senate, and that it maintain its place on the calendar of bills on second reading;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Memorial No. 160:

A memorial to Congress asking that the settlers on the "Fort Jupiter Reservation" be allowed to homestead their claims under the homestead act, and that the time they have actually resided on the land be deducted from the five years' residence required by law before proving up their claim, instead of having to pay the appraised price set by Congress for the same,

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

Senate Bill No. 178:

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

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

Senate Bill No. 120:

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of creditors of insolvent traders,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 120 be advanced to the calendar of bills on third reading;

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

Senate Bill No. 204:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Palmetto, in the county of Manatee, State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Palmetto valid and in full force and effect,

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

Senate Bill No. 207:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3 of chapter 4497, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to incorporate the city of West Tampa in Hillsborough county,

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

House Joint Resolution No. 4:

Proposing an amendment to section 35 of article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the establishment of courts in this State,

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

House Memorial No. 38:

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

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

House Memorial No. 40:

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

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

House Joint Resolution No. 49:

A Joint Resolution requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State to use their efforts towards securing an appropriation for deepening the harbor of Boca Grande, Lee county, Florida.

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

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,

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

House Bill No. 107:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize and make valid the town of Tarpon Springs, and acts done by said town and for other purposes,

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

Mr. Hartridge moved that he be allowed to substitute House Bill No. 252 for Senate Bill No. 169 on the calendar; which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge was granted permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 169.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 216:

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage and protect the planting and propagation of oysters and oyster beds within the waters of the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Chairman Committee on Fisheries.

And Senate Bill No. 216, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and return the same without recommendation

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Chairman Committee on Fisheries.

And Senate Bill No. 248, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 240:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the catching or taking of fish with gill nets or seines from the waters of the Homosassa river and its tributaries,

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and return the same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Chairman Committee on Fisheries.

And Senate Bill No. 240, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 18, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 181:

A bill to be entitled an act for the appointment of fish and game wardens in the various counties of the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Chairman Committee on Fisheries.

And House Bill No. 181, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Hooker moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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

Confirmations.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

District No. 1—Rufus M. Yent.

District No. 2—John H. Hoffman.

- District No. 3—John J. Gannon.
 District No. 4—James R. Lovett.
 District No. 5—James R. Pickett.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

- District No. 1—J. W. Smith.
 District No. 2—T. I. Scurry.
 District No. 3—J. S. Denham.
 District No. 4—O. C. Edwards.
 District No. 5—J. C. Barclay.

LEVY COUNTY.

- District No. 1—Elias Walker.
 District No. 2—Samuel Quincy.
 District No. 3—J. M. Stephens.
 District No. 4—J. B. Lutterloh.
 District No. 5—E. C. Price.

LIBERTY COUNTY.

- District No. 1—Noah Goodson.
 District No. 2—S. J. Revell.
 District No. 3—W. A. Lewis.
 District No. 4—T. D. Sanders.
 District No. 5—W. J. Chason.

MARION COUNTY.

- District No. 1—E. C. McLeod.
 District No. 2—Martin J. Chitty.
 District No. 3—E. L. Carney.
 District No. 4—W. P. Williamson.
 District No. 5—W. E. Allen.

WALTON COUNTY.

- District No. 1—J. T. Stubbs.
 District No. 2—John G. Ray.
 District No. 3—William Miles.
 District No. 4—J. J. McCaskill.
 District No. 5—I. S. Jones.

Evelyn C. Maxwell, Pensacola, Fla., to be Judge of the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, for the unexpired term of W. D. Barnes, deceased.

A. C. Blount, Jr., to be Judge of the Criminal Court of Record for Escambia county, Florida.