

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.

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. 193, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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

ERRATA.

On page 736, Mr. Reeves' amendment to House Bill No. 33 should read as follows:

In line 7, section 70, strike out the word "liability," and substitute the word "ability."

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 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, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—24.

A quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. E. Trice, Chaplain of the House.

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

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Dimick:

Senate Memorial No. 257:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States asking an appropriation for opening Jupiter Inlet;

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

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 258:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3011 of the Revised Statutes of Florida;

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

By Mr. Roberts:

Senate Bill No. 259:

A bill to be entitled an act to exclude certain persons from being members of the Boards of Pilot Commissioners;

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

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 260:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower the towns of this State to levy a tax not exceeding three mills upon the assessed valuation of the real and personal property of such town for the purpose of working the streets thereof, or to work their streets under provisions of the general law of this State;

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

By Mr. Perrenot:

Senate Bill No. 261:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate and establish a municipal government of the town of Milton, in Santa Rosa county, Florida, provide for its government, prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, and to abolish the present corporation of said town;

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

By Mr. Dougherty (by request):

Senate Bill No. 262:

A bill to be entitled an act to give courts of equity the

jurisdiction to enjoin the levy or sale of personal property in certain cases;

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

By Mr. Dougherty (by request):

Senate Bill No. 263:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of mutual fire insurance companies, and define their rights, powers and duties;

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

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Committee on Canals and Telegraph, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 20, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Canals and Telegraph, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 219:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to authorize railroad and canal companies to condemn land and water rights for terminal facilities.

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

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman Committee on Canals and Telegraph.

And Senate Bill No. 219, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Adams Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following report:

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

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 243:

A bill to be entitled an act to place the lands of the State

which are held in reserve by corporations or individuals upon the tax books of the State, and for the collection of taxes thereon.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it be amended as follows:

In line 4, section 2, strike out all the words after the word "lands," and substitute therefor the words "in like manner as all other lands are assessed."

In line 4, section 3, strike out all after the word "to," and insert the words "the State."

And that, as amended, the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

F. ADAMS.

Chairman Committee on Public Lands.

And Senate Bill No. 243; contained in the above report, together with the amendments offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Blich of 20th, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 20, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 256:

To authorize the board of commissioners of State institutions to settle with the present contractors of State convicts for the years 1895 and 1896.

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

Very respectfully,

S. H. BLITCH,

Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 256, 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 19, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 96:

A bill to be entitled an act to require sheriffs and clerks of courts to publish all legal advertisements required by law to be published in such newspapers published in said counties as may be designated by plaintiff, his, her or their agent or attorney, and to prescribe penalties for failure or refusal to do so.

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. 162 and 96, 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 20, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Also,

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.

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 Memorial No. 160 and Senate Bill No. 178, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Bills on Second Reading.

House Bill No. 28:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George W. Reynolds, ex-collector of the county of Monroe, State of Florida.

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

Senate Bill No. 187:

A bill to be entitled an act establishing a geological survey of 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. 188:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal section 3 of chapter 4332 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act requiring the Boards of Public Instruction for the several counties of this State and treasurers of county school funds to make and publish itemized financial statements of their dealings with county school funds, approved May 30, 1895,

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

Senate Bill No. 149:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect the children of Florida from baneful influence of false, partial and partisan instruction in the public schools thereof,

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

House Bill No. 81:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the boundaries of the town of St. Petersburg, Fla.,

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

Senate Bill No. 154:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 109 of the Revised Statutes of Florida relating to examination by the Governor, and report,

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

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the committee substitute, with the following title to-wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 123 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, with reference to an examination of the State Treasurer's office by the Governor and monthly statements to the Governor;

Which was agreed to.

And substitute for Senate Bill No. 154 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived, and that substitute for Senate Bill No. 154 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And substitute for Senate Bill No. 154 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Bitch of 20th, Bitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—23.

Nays—None.

So Substitute for Senate Bill No. 154 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 184:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the pleadings in suits upon policies of insurance, and prescribing form of declaration,

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

Senate Bill No. 186:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 661 and 664, Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to proceedings to or—

ganize and incorporate cities and towns, to elect officers therefor, and to provide for a record of such proceedings,

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

Senate Bill No. 198:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the reproduction by means of the kinetoscope, or by other means, the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight, or any other of like character,

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

Special Order.

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

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.

The pending question being the following amendment offered by Mr. Hartridge:

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

Mr. Broome moved that House Bill No. 10 be made the special order for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Consideration of bills on second reading was resumed.

Senate Bill No. 182:

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

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 182:

Make section 1 read as follows:

That all express companies now doing business in this State, and all express companies which may at any time hereafter do business in this State, shall deliver freight received by them for transportation without unnecessary delay at the point or place where such freight is billed or marked to be delivered; Provided, That such place of destination be an incorporated town or city of 500 population or more, and situated on a line of railway.

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment to Senate Bill No. 182.

Mr. Adams withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment:

Make section 1 read as follows:

That all express companies now doing business in this State, and all express companies which may at any time hereafter do business in this State shall deliver freight received by them for transportation without unnecessary delay at the point or place where such freight is billed to be delivered; Provided, That such place of destination be an incorporated town or city of 500 population or more, and situated on a line of railway.

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Broome offered the following amendment to the amendment to Senate Bill No. 182:

Strike out the words "be an incorporated town or city of 500 population or more," and insert the word "is."

Mr. Broome moved the adoption of the amendment to the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And the amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 182:

Add to section 2 the following: "Provided that this act shall only apply to shipments wholly between points in this State."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 182:

Add to section 2 the following words: "This act shall not apply to incorporated towns."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

The President ruled the amendment out of order.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 182:

After section 2 add "provided such town or place has a population of as many as seventy-five inhabitants."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

The President ruled the amendment out of order.

And Senate Bill No. 182, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

A message was received from the Governor.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 20, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 234:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Palatka Heights, in the county of Putnam, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Palatka Heights of full force and effect.

And,

Senate Bill No. 261:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate and establish a municipal government for the town of Milton, Santa Rosa county, Florida, provide for its government, prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, and to abolish the present corporation of said town.

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

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And Senate Bill No. 261 and House Bill No. 234, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 20, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 118:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for the com-

mencement of work upon the Titusville, Canaveral and Peninsular railroad.

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

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

And House Bill No. 118, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

At 12:15 o'clock—

Mr. Blich of 21st moved that the Senate do now go into an executive session;

Which was agreed to.

And at 12:16 o'clock the doors were closed.

12:40 O'CLOCK.

At 12:40 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. Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—22.

A quorum present.

Mr. Gaillard was excused for the afternoon.

Mr. Phipps was excused on account of illness.

The following communication from the Governor was read:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
TALLAHASSEE, May 19, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have to-day signed the following bill which originated in that body:

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 fees

of prisoners and the hire of convicts," approved April 20, 1895.

And have filed same with the Secretary of State.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BLOXAAM,
Governor of Florida.

By permission—

Mr. Darby introduced:

Senate Bill No. 264:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the sale of freshly slaughtered meats in this State;

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

Mr. McLin moved that the Senate do now take a recess until 3 p. m.;

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 pro tempore in the chair.

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

Messrs. Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Reeves, Wadsworth and Williams—16.

No. quorum being present—

Mr. Hartridge moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

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

Confirmations.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

LEE COUNTY.

District No. 1—J. W. Williams.
 District No. 2—F. J. Wilson.
 District No. 3—C. T. Tooke.
 District No. 4—Robert Lilly.
 District No. 5—J. K. Ashmore.

REMOVAL.

George W. Pierce, Justice of the Peace, 9th District, Dade county; suspended February 9, 1897.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 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, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—23.

A quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. E. Trice, Chaplain of the House.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Introduction of Resolutions.

Mr. Blich of 20th offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 31:

Resolved, That hereafter the sessions of the Senate shall be from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m., except for the last three days of