

ick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Peacock, Phipps, Wadsworth and Williams—22.

Nays—Mr. Palmer of 14th.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 88 be taken up;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

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.

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Mr. Bailey asked unanimous consent to amend Senate Bill No. 88 by striking out "five dollars" per day for the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate and House of Representatives, and inserting in lieu thereof "six dollars;" and by striking out "five dollars" per day for the door-keeper of the Senate and House of Representatives and inserting in lieu thereof "six dollars;"

Which was agreed to unanimously.

Upon call of the roll upon the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Phipps, Wadsworth and Williams—17.

Nays—Messrs. Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Crosby, Myers, Palmer of 14th and Peacock—8.

So Senate Bill No. 88 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 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. Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—24.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Mr. Hartridge offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 35:

Whereas, The House of Representatives, on the 22d day of the present month, by three of its members, Messrs. W. Hunt Harris, J. P. Wall and W. K. Zewadski, at the bar of the Senate, impeached Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer, of high crimes and misdemeanors in office, and informed the Senate that the House of Representatives will, in due time, exhibit proper articles of impeachment against him and make good the same, and likewise that the Senate take order for the appearance of the said Clarence B. Collins to answer to the said impeachment; therefore,

Resolved, That the Senate will take proper order thereon, of which due notice shall be given to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

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

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

## Reports of Committees.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 225:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the establishment

of sub-districts in working, repairing the public roads and bridges of the several counties of this State.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 229:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 20 of an act approved June 4, 1891, entitled an act to provide for establishing, working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of the several counties of this State, and to provide penalties for failure therefor;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 230:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4338 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for establishing, working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of the several counties of the State, and to provide penalties for failure therefor.

Also,

House Bill No. 180:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1 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 hire of convicts, approved April 20, 1895, as amended by chapter 4325, Laws of Florida.

Also,

Senate Memorial No. 257:

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

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 225, 229 and 230, and House Bill No. 180 and Senate Memorial No. 257, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERBENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 196:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the duties of county surveyors.

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

Very respectfully,

FRED. T. MYERS,

Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

And Senate Bill No. 196, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Committee on Mining and Phosphate, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, )  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Mining and Phosphate, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 276:

A bill to be entitled an act to require the official samplers of phosphates of each port in this State from which phosphate are shipped to inspect every car of phosphates arriving at such port for shipment and to issue certificate for the same, and to provide for his compensation therefor.

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

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,

Chairman Committee on Mining and Phosphate.

And Senate Bill No. 276, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Thomas, Chairman of the Joint Committee to visit the State Normal College at DeFuniak Springs, submitted the following report:

To the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Your joint committee appointed to visit and inspect and report the condition of the State Normal College, located at DeFuniak Springs, beg leave to submit the following report:

After careful inspection of the various departments we found that the enrollment of students for the year 1896-97, so far as numbers are concerned, has been good.

We found upon inquiry that 150 students had been enrolled

during the year, of which number 115 were present May 18th. Of the number now in attendance, eighty-four were from Walton county, twelve from Santa Rosa, six from Gadsden, five from Escambia, two from Washington, three from Holmes, three from Jackson, one each from the counties of DeSoto, Hamilton, Lake, Levy, Madison and Orange.

Your committee, after a careful investigation of the published curriculum of the school, the methods pursued and the admission of the president, are forced to report that the institution does not reach the standard we would like to see maintained by a State Normal College.

The standard of the school was doubtless low to adjust itself to the condition of public school teachers in the State, but with age and the improvement in the public schools, the college must be required to elevate its standard and better the character of its work to meet the growing demand for a high grade normal institution.

Your committee are of the opinion that the entrance requirements, both as to age and to education are too low, and have both been disregarded.

The instruction in pedagogy or in theory and practice in teaching, has been only periodical and not systematically and scientifically given in all classes. Hence, this college designed to provide teachers and qualify them for their great and important profession, a profession which has within a very few years attained an eminence second to none of the learned professions, has neglected its most important function and has failed to meet in full the purpose of its establishment.

Your committee would call attention to the fact that while they have given a list of the students from the various counties attending the college, it will be perceived that eighty-four of the hundred and twenty-one students now in attendance were from Walton county, many of whom should have been in the county public schools. Their admittance was in violation of the published regulations of the college, as approved by the State Board of Education, and, we are informed, without the knowledge or consent of that Board. In conclusion, your committee, while it would not recommend a course of study, suggest that the Legislature take such action as would require the college to adopt a curriculum not exceeding a three years course, with an entrance requirement both as to age and scholarship, to be adhered to strictly.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. THOMAS,  
W. A. FULTON,  
S. M. ROBERTSON.

Ordered spread on the Journal.

## Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Blicht of 21st moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of bills on their third reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

A message was received from the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 111:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 3 and 4, chapter 4334, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to establish at Bartow, Florida, the South Florida Military and Educational Institute, and to provide and appropriate therefor, approved May 29, 1895,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blicht of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts and Williams—23.

Nays—Messrs. Blicht of 20th, Broome, Palmer of 14th and Thomas—4.

So Senate Bill No. 111 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Hooker moved that the rules be waived, and that the action on Senate Bill No. 111 be at once certified to the House of Representatives;

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

Mr. Blicht of 21st moved that the rules be waived, and that messages from the House of Representatives be taken up;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Blicht of 21st moved that the messages from the House of Representatives be spread upon the Journal without reading, but that the bills therein be read the first time by title and referred;

Which was agreed to.

## Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Bill No. 144:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the boundaries of the town of Live Oak, in Suwannee county, Florida, and to authorize said town to make its own valuations of property therein for assessment for municipal purposes.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 144, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 211:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate West Florida Gulf Coast Railroad Company.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 211, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 211 be placed on the calendar of bills on second reading;

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

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 298:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend 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.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 298, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and that he be allowed to withdraw Senate Bill 217, and substitute therefor on the calendar of bills on second reading, House Bill No. 298, contained in above message;

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

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 183:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring railroad companies to fence their tracks and providing remedies against them for failure to do so.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 183, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 209:

A bill to be entitled an act to exempt ex-Confederate soldiers from paying a license tax for peddling goods, wares and merchandise.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 209, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 301:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alafia, Manatee and Gulf Coast Railroad Company.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 301, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 218:

A bill to be entitled an act to empower companies whose capital shall not exceed \$10,000 to incorporate at small expense.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives

And House Bill No. 218, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR— I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 273:

A bill to be entitled an act for the improvement of the public roads and bridges in Hillsborough county, providing for the employment of convicts under certain conditions, and

for the levy and collection of a road and bridge tax, and the manner of its expenditure.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 273, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 196:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the penalty for stealing any horse, cow, or other domestic animals.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 196, contained in above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No 196 be read a second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 196 was read the second time by its title, and placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be further waived, and that he be allowed to withdraw Senate Bill No. 99, now on its third reading, and substitute therefor House Bill No. 196;

Which was agreed to by a two thirds vote.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to

inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Bill No. 91:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of town of White Springs, in the county of Hamilton, and to declare the incorporation of the town of White Springs valid and of full force and effect.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 82:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Carrabelle, Franklin county, Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 65:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 91, 82 and 65, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Bill No. 32:

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

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 32, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted by a three-fifths vote—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 49:

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section thirteen (13) of article sixteen (16) of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to sureties upon official bonds.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 49, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

Mr. Daniel introduced:

Senate Bill No. 278:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing merchants who are not registered pharmacists to sell certain drugs and medicines; Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

At 12 o'clock—

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the Senate do now go into executive session;

Which was agreed to.

And,

At 12:02 o'clock the doors were closed.

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1:50 O'CLOCK.

At 1:50 p. m. the doors were opened.

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, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley,

Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th,  
Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—24.

A quorum present.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 126: §

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the certification of  
records for use in appellate courts in this State.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 190:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe certain duties of  
log and timber buyers, and prescribe penalties for failure to  
comply with same.

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. 126 and 190, contained in the above  
report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 171:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend paragraph 2 of section

1272, Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to supersedeas upon writs of error.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 210:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the salaries of certain administrative officers.

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

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 171 and 210, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Hartridge 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.

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#### 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. Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—23.

A quorum present.

Mr. Chipley arose to a question of personal privilege, and sent the following to the desk:

MR. PRESIDENT:

I rise to a question of personal privilege.

I am reliably informed that a member of the Legislature of Florida, of which this Senate is a part, and of which I am a

member, holds in his possession a letter addressed to me, which I have never seen or read, it having been procured without the knowledge or consent of the writer or myself.

I am further informed that the present unauthorized holder of my property has shown said letter to members of this Legislature for the purpose of doing me an injury, and has said to others that he held such a letter, and that it would injure me.

This property, feloniously taken; and unlawfully held, has been secretly used as documentary evidence to influence members of this Legislature in the discharge of their official duties, and I feel it to be a duty I owe to the members of both Houses, and but fair and just to myself as a Senator, that I be permitted to state within my privilege, and have spread upon the minutes of the Senate this statement and protest.

#### STATEMENT.

The letter now illegally held by a member of this Legislature was written to me by a friend in Jacksonville, under the sacred confidence of a close and intimate correspondence between friends. Many letters written under such circumstances, under skillful and malicious perversion, might be used to mislead and deceive, but in this instance I am assailed, and am held responsible for the contents of a letter written to me, and which I have never seen.

The letter was written to me by my friend, placed under the protection of a United States postage stamp, and then deposited in the writer's coat pocket, that he might mail it in the postal car at the terminal station at Jacksonville, it being his intention to depart from that station the next morning. During the night the private home of my friend was invaded by a burglar, and he was robbed of money and clothes, and also of the letter addressed to myself, which was in his pocket. In all ages a thief has been despised and execrated by honest men; yet, there is a lower and viler criminal than a thief, for a thief at least has the nerve to risk his life when invading his sleeping victim's home; but the beneficiary of the theft, who secretly receives the stolen goods, to his own profit, or to further his own interest and purposes, is recognized by the law, and the judgment of all honest and brave men, as a worse and more dangerous criminal than the cringing thief himself.

I protest against this unlawful and surreptitious possession of my property by a member of this Legislature.

I protest against the nefarious and secret use of that letter, in an effort to impair my usefulness, and defame my character as a Senator. I state upon reliable information and belief, that the person who holds and uses the said letter, as

above set forth, is J. N. C. Stockton, a member of the House of Representatives from Duval county.

I ask to have this statement and protest spread upon the minutes of the Senate.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the document just read be spread upon the Journal;

Which was agreed to, and it was ordered spread upon the Journal.

At 4:10 o'clock p. m.—

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

Which was agreed to.

At 4:11 o'clock the doors were closed.

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5:55 O'CLOCK.

At 5:55 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, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—24.

A quorum present.

By permission—

Mr. Phipps, Chairman of the Committee on Public Health, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 278:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing merchants who are not registered pharmacists to sell certain drugs and medicines.

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. PHIPPS,

Chairman Committee on Public Health.

And Senate Bill No. 278, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the Senate do now take a recess until 8:00 p. m;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 8:00 o'clock this evening.

### NIGHT SESSION.

8:00 O'CLOCK.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

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

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

Messrs. Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Myers, McLan, Palmer of 11th, Palmer, of 14th, Peacock, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—22.

A quorum present.

Mr. Myers was excused for the evening.

Mr. Phipps was excused for the evening.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

By permission—

Mr. Dougherty introduced:

Senate Bill No. 279:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for the erection of a monument to the Confederate soldiers on the battlefield of Olustee, in this State;

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

By permission—

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 200:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Francis D. Pooser.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

S. H. PEACOCK,

Chairman Committee on Claims.

And Senate Bill No. 200, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—  
House Bill No. 186:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Hugh Betha of DeSoto county, State of Florida, and to allow the payment to him of the sum of two hundred dollars, the offered reward for the capture of Robert Newberry.

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

Very respectfully.

S. H. PEACOCK,

Chairman Committee on Claims.

And House Bill No. 186, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Williams, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 209:

A bill to be entitled an act to exempt ex-Confederate soldiers from paying a license tax for peddling goods, wares and merchandise.

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

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,

Acting Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

And House Bill No. 209, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 273:

A bill to be entitled an act for the improvement of the public roads and bridges in Hillsborough county, providing for the employment of convicts under certain conditions, and for the levying and collection of a road and bridge tax, and the manner of its expenditure.

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

Very respectfully,

S. H. BLITCH,

Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

And House Bill No. 273, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Wadsworth, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

## House Bill No. 271:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable foreign corporations to do business in the State of Florida, and regulating the same.

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

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

And House Bill No. 271, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Gaillard moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate take up House messages;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

### Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Bill No. 107:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida, and to provide for the organization and conducting of the municipal government of said city, and prescribing the powers and functions of said municipality.

Together with the following amendments thereto.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Amend article 3, section 3, paragraph 4, on page 18, line 23, by adding: "Provided, At the first election under this act notice of candidacy for any city office to be run for at said election shall be filed with the city council or city clerk not less than ten days before said election."

1. Amend section 1, article 2, by striking out "five" and inserting "ten."

2. Also amend section 1 of article 2 by adding: "The terms of office of all such officers shall be two years."

3. Amend article 3 by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

"Section 1. The first election under this act shall be held on the third Tuesday in June, A. D. 1897, and an election shall be held annually thereafter on the third Tuesday in June of each year. All officers holding offices under the existing charter of said city shall continue in office until their successors are qualified. The holding of said elections to take place by the proclamation of the mayor, published once a week for the period of four weeks in some newspaper published in said city. Said proclamation shall designate the offices to be voted for, and the manner, time and places at which said elections will be held. At such first election there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city at large a mayor, a municipal judge, a clerk, who shall be ex-officio assessor, a collector, a treasurer and a marshal, and by the qualified voters of each ward two aldermen for such ward. The one from each ward chosen by the highest number of votes shall hold office for two years, and the one from each ward chosen by the next highest number of votes shall hold office one year. At the election to be held on the third Tuesday in June, A. D. 1898, there shall be elected one alderman from each ward, and thereafter one alderman shall be annually elected from each ward.

"From and after the third Tuesday in June, A. D. 1897, a mayor, a municipal judge, a clerk, who shall be ex-officio assessor, a collector, a treasurer and a marshal shall be elected biennially.

"The term of all city officers shall begin at noon of the third day after the day of the election and continue until their successors are qualified."

4. Amend section 2 of article 3 by adding "relating to the qualifications of electors in State and county elections, except as to registration."

5. Amend section 1 of article 4 by striking out "four-fifths," and inserting "two-thirds."

6. Amend section 2 of article 4 by striking out "and if he performs such functions for more than three days he shall have the mayor's salary or fees allowed the mayor for such period."

7. Amend section 4 of article 4 by striking out "police-men."

8. Also amend section 4, article 4, by adding after the words "city council" where it first occurs the words: "And aldermen may in like manner be removed by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the city council."

9. Amend section 6 of article 4 by striking out "four-fifths," and inserting "two-thirds."

10. Also amend section 6 of article 4, by striking out "he shall be the presiding officer of the council and appoint its standing committees. He shall as such officer have no vote, but his veto power shall not be affected."

11. Amend section 1 of article 6 by striking out "and it shall require at least three affirmative votes to give effect to the action of said body, except as herein otherwise provided."

12. Amend section 2 of article 6 by striking out "four-fifths," and inserting "two thirds."

13. Amend section 3 of article 6 by striking out all of paragraph 16 and inserting the following: "Sixteenth. To establish and regulate markets, to provide for the inspection and measuring of lumber and other building materials, the inspection or weighing or measuring stone, coal, wood and all fuel, hay, corn, and other grains and agricultural products, the inspection of beef, pork, flour, meal, milk, butter, lard and all other provisions, oils, whiskies and all other liquors in barrels or other vessels, and to regulate the vending of meat, poultry, fish, fruits and vegetables."

14. Amend section 3, article 6, by striking out all of paragraph 20, and inserting the following: "Twentieth. To preserve and protect the harbors and other waters within the city, and prevent encroachments, obstructions and deposits in the harbors to regulate and prevent bathing and swimming therein; to regulate and prescribe the mode and speed of vessels, boats and floats in coming to, laying at and leaving the piers and wharves; to prescribe and regulate the moving and location in the harbor of all vessels, boats and floats, to compel them to change their location and to construct, authorize the construction of, maintain, supervise and regulate piers, wharves and slips in the waters of the city."

15. Amend section 4, article 6, by striking out "the mayor of the city as presiding officer," and inserting "the president."

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Gaillard moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments to Senate Bill No. 107;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 107, as amended, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 189:

A bill to be entitled an act granting to the Meadow Land Improvement Company, a corporation organized and existing under the general laws of the State of Florida, a grant of land and other privileges to aid in the construction of the said company's canal and other works of internal improvement.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 189, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 334:

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 issuance of bonds for municipal purposes.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 334, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 333:

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.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 333, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Chipley moved that House Bill No. 333 be placed on the calendar of bills on second reading without reference;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 333 be read a second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 333 was read second time by its title, and placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the Committee on Engrossed Bills be requested to report back to the Senate—

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 agreed to.

## Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Blitch of 20th moved that—

House Bill No. 57:

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

Be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby moved that he be allowed to substitute House Bill No. 233 for Senate Bill No. 130 on the calendar;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby called up—

House Bill No. 233:

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.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 233 be read a second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 233 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 233 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 233 was read the third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—23.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 233 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Darby withdrew Senate Bill No. 130.

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 the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of

21st, Broome, Bynum, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—22.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 193 passed, title as stated.

Senate 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 the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Bitch of 20th, Bitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Roberts, Wadsworth and Williams—23.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 194 passed, title as stated.

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, 1891,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Bitch of 20th, Bitch of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Roberts, Wadsworth and Williams—23.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 195 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Chipley moved that he be allowed to substitute House Bill No. 211 for Senate Bill No. 127, on the calendar, and that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 210 be read the second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 211:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the West Florida Gulf Coast Railroad Company,

Was taken up.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 211 be read second time in full;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 211 was read second time by its title.

And House Bill No. 211 was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 176:

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

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—23.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 176 passed, title as stated.

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 third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—22.

Nays—None.

So House Memorial No. 38 passed, title as stated.

House Memorial No. 46:

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

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, McLin

Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—22.

Nays—None.

So House Memorial No. 46 passed, title as stated.

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 third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—21.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 82 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was not agreed to.

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 third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—19.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 107 passed, title as stated.

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 third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Bynum, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—19.

Nays—None.

So House Joint Resolution No. 49 passed, title as stated.  
Mr. Dimick moved that he be allowed to substitute Senate Bill No. 161 for Senate Bill No. 221 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 third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Bynum, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley and Roberts—11.

Nays—Messrs. Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Carson, Hooker, McLin, Thomas and Williams—8.

So Senate Bill No. 161 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Palmer of 14th was excused from voting.

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 third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—19.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 207 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Bynum moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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

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## Confirmations.

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### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

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#### COLUMBIA COUNTY.

District No. 1—C. W. Cone.

District No. 2—T. A. Langford.

District No. 3 - George B. Ellis.

District No. 4—J. W. Niblack.

District No. 5—R. T. Boozer.

TAYLOR COUNTY.

District No. 1—J. M. Jenkins.

District No. 2—J. H. Hogan.

District No. 3—A. J. Green.

District No. 4—E. B. Blanton.

District No. 5—W. P. Strickland.

MONROE COUNTY.

District No. 1—Milton W. Curry.

District No. 2—John F. Navarro.

District No. 3—James W. Carey, Jr.

District No. 4—James R. Curry, Jr.

District No. 5—John Williams.

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H. W. Gelston, DeLand, Florida, vice C. F. Bielby, deceased, and F. L. Rees, Live Oak, Florida, vice Joseph F. Baya, deceased, to be members of the Board of Trustees of the Florida Agricultural College, located at Lake City, Florida.

G. D. Warren, H. C. Albury, R. H. Albury, J. J. Delaney and S. A. Walker, to be City Commissioners of the city of Key West, Florida.

The Senate refused to advise and consent to the following suspensions from office:

F. C. Higginbotham, Justice of the Peace for the 5th District, Nassau county; suspended June 27, 1895.

Angus Morrison, Justice of the Peace for the 9th District, Alachua county; suspended February 21, 1895.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 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: