

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

the session, when the hours shall be from 9 a. m., to 1 p. m., from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m., and from 8 p. m. until adjournment.

Mr. Blich of 20th moved the adoption of the resolution; Which was not agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Hartridge:

Senate Bill No. 265:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county of Duval to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites, and constructing, repairing and furnishing buildings for the use of the public schools in said county;

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

By Mr. Hartridge:

Senate Bill 266:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring all fire insurance companies, associations, firms or individuals licensed to do business in this State to make their contracts only through lawfully licensed agents who are residents of the State;

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

By Mr. Hartridge:

Senate Bill No. 267:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the business of insurance, and for the better protection of the policy holders against fraudulent insurance contracts in the State of Florida, and to repeal sections 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224 and 2225, being sub-chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to special provision for insurance companies;

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

By Mr. Palmer of 11th:

Senate Bill No. 268:

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

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

By Mr. Daniel:

Senate Bill No. 269:

A bill to be entitled an act prohibiting the running at large of dogs or bitches without being muzzled and providing penalty therefor;

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

Mr. Blich 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 20, 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. 362:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation for the encampment, and transportation for the State Troops for the year 1897.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 362, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 21, 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. 142:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for the completion of the entire main line of the South American and International Railroad.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 142, 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 20, 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 Joint Resolution No. 79:

Relating to the appointment of the Hon. Wilkinson Call as State agent for the collection of the claim of the State of Florida against the United States, known as the Indian war claim.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Joint Resolution No. 79, 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 20, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 3:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 22, 24, 25, 30, 37, 40, of an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections and for the returns of elections, approved May 25th, 1895.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 3, contained in above message, was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 21, 1895. }

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. 87:

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

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 87, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 20, 1895. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to fire insurance policies, prescribing a rule of evidence and measure of damage in case of loss.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 52, contained in the above message was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 20, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of Senate:

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

House Bill 149:

A bill to be entitled an act to divide the county of Bradford, and to locate and establish a new county from a portion of the same.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 149, 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 20, 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. 174:

A bill to be entitled an act governing the transportation of bicycles, tricycles and baby carriages by any railroad, steam-

boat or other transportation company in the State of Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 174, 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 20, 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 186:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Hugh Bethea 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.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No 186, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 20, 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. 193:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2634, of article 14, chapter 7, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida,

relating to the selling of liquors in the counties or precincts voting against such sales, or what are called dry counties or precincts where no vote has been taken on the question.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 193, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 20, 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. 198:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the time and places for holding the Circuit Courts in the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 198, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 20, 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. 147:

A bill for the relief of James M. Driver and Wm. H. Big-
ham.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 147, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 20, 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. 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.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 233, 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 20, 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. 74:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled "an act to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the Fernandina Western Railway.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives

And Senate Bill No. 74, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Reports of Committees.

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

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

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

A memorial to the Congress of the United States asking that the homesteaders in the storm district be permitted to purchase their lands at not more than twenty-five cents an acre.

Beg leave to report that they 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.

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

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

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

A memorial to the Congress of the United States asking that the homesteaders in the storm district be permitted to purchase their lands at not more than twenty-five cents an acre.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for signature of Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

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

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

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Joint Resolution to the Senators and Representatives from the State of Florida in the Congress of the United States.

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.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for signature of Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

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

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

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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

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

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

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

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for signature of Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

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

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

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 122:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 2190 and

2191 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, requiring all State banks to make reports to the Comptroller, and providing for the appointment and compensation of State bank examiners,

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. 122, 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 21, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERBENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 183:

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

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. 183, 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 21, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

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

A message was received from the Governor.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate take up bills upon their third reading;
Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Bills on Third Reading.

House Bill No. 158:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the municipal officers of the city of Key West, a municipal corporation existing in the county of Monroe, Florida; to prescribe their terms of office, provide for their election and appointment, and regulate their compensation, and to repeal sections 2 and 3 of chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, and amendments thereto,

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

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Thomas and Wadsworth—21.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 158, as amended, passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives. A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Chipley offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20:

Be it resolved by the Senate of Florida, the House of Representatives concurring, That no new bills providing for the creation of any new county will be considered after May 24th, in order that the Joint Committee appointed for the purpose may proceed with its work of reporting the apportionment which the Constitution of the State requires, shall be adopted during the current session of the Legislature.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and that the resolution be now considered;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The resolution was again read.

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

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. Hartridge withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 10:

In line 2, section 3, after the word "who," insert "in their official capacity."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 10:

In line 4, section 1, after the word "value," insert the following words, to-wit: "Of or belonging to any such company."

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 10:

Just after the amendment by Senator Carson, last adopted, strike out the words "or to furnish any pass—free pass or gratuitous transportation."

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

Pending which—

Mr. Reeves moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

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