

In line 2, page, —, after the words "seventy thousand (70,000) dollars," insert the words "for per diem, mileage and expenses of court of impeachment, fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary."

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

Mr. Chipley offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410:

In line 4, section 1, insert after the word "dollars," "for assistant chemist and inspector of fertilizers, \$600."

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which—

Mr. Hartridge moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1897.

The Senate sitting as a court of impeachment, was called to order at 9:30 a. m., pursuant to adjournment by Chief Justice Taylor.

The Sergeant-at-Arms, by direction of the Chief Justice, made the usual proclamation, as follows: "Hear ye! hear ye! all persons are commanded to keep silent under pain of punishment, while the Senate of the State of Florida is sitting for the trial of the articles of impeachment exhibited by the House of Representatives against Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida."

The Chief Justice directed the Secretary of the Senate to call the roll, and the following Senators answered present:

Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Bitch of 20th, Bitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—29.

A quorum present.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to notify the House of Representatives or the managers of the impeachment proceedings thereof, that the Senate has met as a court of im-

peachment pursuant to adjournment, and requesting their presence, which the Sergeant-at-Arms proceeded to do.

On motion of Mr. Perrenot, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The managers of the House of Representatives appeared at the bar and were accorded seats.

Mr. Harris, on the part of the board of managers appointed by the House of Representatives to conduct the trial of the articles of impeachment against Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, announced that "they were present simply by written invitation of the Senate," and insisted on the acceptance by the Senate of the resolution.

◊ The Chief Justice—Does the board formally decline to proceed with the impeachment?

Mr. Harris—Yes, sir.

Mr. Darby—Do I understand that you positively decline to proceed further?

Mr. Harris—Yes, sir.

The resolutions of the House presented yesterday by the board of managers withdrawing the articles of impeachment against Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, were again read.

Mr. Hendley offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Board of Managers on the part of the House refuse to prosecute further the case against C. B. Collins, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate, sitting as a court of impeachment, do now adjourn sine die.

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Darby moved to amend the resolution by inserting the words, "adjourn until 11 o'clock a. m. Thursday, June 10, 1897."

Mr. Darby withdrew the amendment.

Pending which—

Mr. Harris, on the part of the managers, presented the following:

Resolved, That the articles of impeachment against C. B. Collins, be and the same are hereby withdrawn, and that the committee appointed by this House to prosecute the same be, and it is hereby, discharged.

Resolved further, That the Senate be notified of this action of the House.

Passed June 4, 1897.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Yeas and nays were demanded on the passage of Mr. Hendley's resolution.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Daniel, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Perrenot, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves and Roberts—19.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Crosby, Darby, Dougherty, Hooker, Palmer of 11th, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—11.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate, sitting as a court of impeachment, adjourned sine die.

11:19 O'CLOCK.

At 11:19 o'clock the Senate met for legislative and executive business.

The President in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, 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 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—29.

A quorum present.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. McLin offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 24:

Resolved by the Senate, That the Comptroller is hereby authorized to approve the pay rolls of the Senate, and the Treasurer to pay the same where the pay rolls have been signed and approved by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and that the Comptroller is further authorized to issue a warrant for the amount of such pay roll as approved by the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. McLin moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived, and he be

allowed to call up Senate Bill No. 303, now on its second reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 303:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a hospital and ambulance corps for the Florida State troops, to create certain additional staff officers, and to provide for inspection and other duty by members of the staff,

Was taken up.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 303 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 303 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 303 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 303 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Myers, McLin, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas and Wadsworth—16.

Nays—Messrs. Blitch of 20th, Palmer of 14th and Williams—3.

So Senate Bill No. 303 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

The following communication from the Governor was ordered spread upon the Journal.

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 3, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have today signed the following bills which originated in that body:

An act to amend section 939 of Revised Statutes of Florida relating to examination and licensing of pilots by pilot commissioners.

Also,

An act to amend chapter 4226, Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1893, entitled an act to amend section 1366 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, in regard to the terms of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Also,

An act to require the official phosphate sampler of each port of the State from which phosphates are shipped, to inspect each and every car of phosphates arriving at such port for shipment, and to issue certificates for the same, and to provide for his compensation therefor.

Also,

An act to prohibit fishing in the waters of Lake Worth and tributaries.

Also,

An act to authorize the city of Orlando to confer the office of clerk, assessor and treasurer, or any two of such offices, upon one person.

And have filed the same with the Secretary of State.

Respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM,

Governor.

By permission—

Mr. Broome introduced:

Senate Bill No. 307:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend paragraph 15, section 9, of chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue;

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 307 be read the second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 307 was read the second time by its title.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 307 be read a third time and put on its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 307 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Broome, Chipley and Hooker—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Hartridge, Hendley, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—19.

So Senate Bill No. 307 failed to pass.

By permission—

Mr. Blitch of 20th introduced:

Senate Bill No. 308:

A bill to be entitled an act abolishing the positions of Recording Clerk and Engrossing Clerk of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida;

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Blich of 20th moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 308 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 308 was read second time by title.

Mr. Blich of 20th moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 308 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 308 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Clark, Crosby, Dougherty, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—12.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Carson, Chipley, Daniel, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Peacock and Phipps—14.

So Senate Bill No. 308 failed to pass.

At 12:04—

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

Which was agreed to.

At 12:05 p. m. the doors were closed.

1:14 O'CLOCK.

At 1:14 p. m. the doors were opened.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hart-ridge, Hendley, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—28.

A quorum present.

By permission—

Mr. Daniel, Chairman of the committee to investigate the books and records of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, submitted the following report:

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your committee appointed under House Concurrent Resolution No. 24, to investigate the books and records of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, beg leave to submit the following report:

In order to intelligently put our report before this body we have seen fit to briefly set forth some facts concerning the origin of the Internal Improvement Fund, as well as the present status of the same.

The act of Congress of September 28, 1850, known as the "Swamp Land Act" provides:

"That to enable the State of Arkansas to construct the necessary levees and drains to reclaim the swamp lands and overflowed land therein, the whole of these swamp and overflowed lands made unfit thereby for cultivation, which shall remain unsold at the passage of this act, shall be, and the same are hereby, granted to the said State.

"That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior, as soon as may be practicable after the passage of this act, to make out an accurate list and plats of the lands described as aforesaid, and transmit the same to the Governor of the State of Arkansas, and at the request of said Governor cause a patent to issue to the State therefor, and on that patent the fee simple to said lands shall vest in the said State of Arkansas, subject to the disposal of the Legislature thereof; Provided, however, That the proceeds of lands, whether from sale or direct appropriation in kind, shall be applied exclusively, as far

as necessary, to the purpose of reclaiming said lands by means of the levees and drains aforesaid.

"That in making out a list and plats of the lands aforesaid, all legal subdivisions, the greater part of which is 'wet and unfit for cultivation,' shall be included in said list and plats; but when a greater part of a subdivision is not of that character the whole of it shall be excluded therefrom.

"That the provisions of this act be extended to and their benefits conferred upon each of the other States of the Union in which such swamp and overflowed lands known and designated as aforesaid may be situated." Approved September 28, 1850.

Florida being one of the "States of the Union in which such swamp and overflowed lands" were situated became entitled to lands under the provisions of said act, and in 1855 the Florida Legislature passed an act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvement in this State, which was approved January 6, 1855.

The fund in this State consists of lands granted to the State of Florida by the United States. There are two grants.

The first was made by an act of Congress of September 4, 1844. This grant took effect upon the admission of the State into the Union March 3, 1845. It was granted for purposes of "internal improvement," and consisted of 500,000 acres. These lands are usually spoken of and known as "the internal improvement lands proper." The second grant was by an act of Congress of September 28, 1850. It granted the whole of the swamp and overflowed lands in the State on that date belonging to the United States, and "made unfit thereby for cultivation." By the terms of the act these lands, which are commonly spoken of as "the swamp lands," were, after being selected and patented, to be subject to the disposal of the Legislature of the State, with the proviso, however, that the proceeds of said lands, whether from sale or by direct appropriation in kind, should be applied exclusively, as far as necessary, to the purpose of reclaiming said lands by means of levees and drains. There was no such proviso, however, as to the internal improvement lands proper.

There have been patented to the State 14,696,870 acres of "swamp lands."

The amount of swamp lands reported unsold January 1, 1881, by the Land Commissioner, Mr. Corley, was 12,757,738.38 acres. The total amount disposed of up to that date was 1,684,729.42 acres. In the total amount patented are including 254,406.10 acres patented during the year 1881. This, added to the amount unsold reported by Mr. Corley, makes

13,012,141.48 acres. Deducting the 4,000,000 acres sold to Diss-ton, we have left on hand, less the subsequent ordinary sales and the subsequent conveyances of alternate sections to new rail-roads, 9,012,141.48 acres.

The amount of "internal improvement lands proper" esti-mated unsold June 1, 1882, was 183,000 acres.

THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT LAW.

The convention which met at St. Joseph in December, 1838, and framed the Constitution, which was the organic law of the State from its admission into the Union until seces-sion in 1861, provided as a part of such Constitution that a liberal system of internal improvements, being essential to the development of the resources of the country, shall be encour-aged by the government of this State, and it shall be the duty of the General Assembly, as soon as practicable, to ascertain by law proper objects of improvement in relation to roads, canals, navigable streams, and to provide for a suitable appli-cation of such funds as may be appropriated for such im-provements. Prior to 1855 such "objects of improvements" had not been provided for or declared by the General As-sembly, nor had provision been made for such "suitable ap-plication." It is a fact that different schemes had been suggested. Among others was one that the lands should be divided upon some equitable basis among the different coun-ties and by them applied to local improvements. The Legis-lature which assembled in November 1854, addressed itself to carrying out the above constitutional directions, and the act commonly known as the internal improvement act was passed, and it was approved January 6, 1855. This act vested the "internal improvement lands proper" then remaining unsold, and the proceeds of said as had been sold and remained on hand unappropriated, and all the "swamp lands," together with all the proceeds that had accrued, or might thereafter accrue, to the State from the sale thereof, in the Governor, Comp-troller, Treasurer, Register of Lands and Attorney-General, and their successors in office, as trustees, as a fund to be called the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, to be strictly applied according to the provisions of said act. The act designated as proper improvements to be aided from said fund the following lines of railroad and canal, viz:

A line of railroad from the St. Johns river, at Jacksonville, to the waters of the Pensacola bay, with an extension from suitable points on said line to the St. Marks river, or Crooked river, at White Bluff, on Apalachicola bay, in West Florida,

and a line from Amelia island, on the Atlantic, to the waters of Tampa bay, in South Florida, with an extension to Cedar Keys, in East Florida; also a canal from the waters of St. Johns river, on Lake Harney, to the waters of Indian river. In December, 1855, an amendment was enacted declaring a line from Pensacola or St. Andrews bay to the north line of the State a proper improvement to be aided by the fund. The canal scheme was undertaken, but afterwards abandoned. By the act the companies which might undertake the construction of any part of any of said lines of railroad were authorized to issue coupon bonds to the amount of ten thousand dollars per mile on each section of ten miles of completed railroad they might construct, and additional bonds for bridges over the Suwannee river and other rivers and a structure from the west side of Nassau river to Amelia island. Such bonds were to fall due not longer than thirty-five years from their date, and to bear interest at not more than 7 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and be a first lien on the road. The bonds issued bore interest at the rate stated. The trustees were authorized to, and did, endorse upon these bonds a guarantee that the internal improvement fund was pledged to pay the interest on said bonds.

It is well that the exact character of this guarantee under the law should be understood as between the company and the fund, for it was remarkably liberal, and shows an intention of bestowing very material aid from the fund to the companies, instead of being a mere guarantee. During the construction by any company of that part of the line it had undertaken to build the company was to pay to the trustees every six months but fifty per cent. of its net income, and this fifty per cent., however little, was to be applied by the trustees to the interest on the bonds, and the fund was to make up and pay the balance of the interest. But this was not the full extent of the liberality of the system as to interest, but even after the completion by a company of that part of the line it had undertaken, if its net earnings should, after deducting therefrom to create a sinking fund to pay the principal of the bonds at maturity, an amount equal to the amount of one per cent. per annum on the aggregate of the capital stock paid in and the bonded debt of the company, then such earnings, less said amount of one per cent. on the bonded debt were to be divided pro rata between the stockholders and the bonded debt; or, in other words, part thereof applied to interest on the bonds and the other part to go to the stockholders, and the balance of the interest was to be paid out of the fund from time to time as interest might fall due.

For any payments of interest by the trustees out of the fund the only return to the fund was that the trustees should receive as such equal amounts of capital stock of the company and the fund thereby became entitled to the privilege and advantage of private stockholders. Whenever the net earnings of a completed road were over six per cent. on the capital stock of the company actually paid in and the bonded debt, and the said one per cent. for the sinking fund, the company was then required to pay in not only the one per cent. sinking fund, but also the entire interest on the bonds.

This was payable to the trustees, and they paid the coupon holders, whose right to rely upon the guarantee of the trust fund was not affected by the earnings of the road. It was simply saying to the companies: While you are constructing your road all you have to do is to pay us one half of your net earnings, however small, and after you have completed your road we will require you to pay the one per cent. annually for a sinking fund (one half every six months), and if after so paying, the amount of net earnings left is not equal to six per cent. on the amount of the bonded indebtedness and the bona fide stock you can divide them between the trustees and the stockholders upon a pro rata of the amount of the bonds and stock, and the trustees will pay the interest instead of requiring you to pay all of your net earnings towards such interest.

RAILROAD BONDS ENDORSED.

The railroad companies which issued bonds and the amount to which they were issued and endorsed by the trustees, as above stated, were:

Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company	\$1,220,000 00
Tallahassee Railroad Company	206,000 00
Florida Railroad Company	1,616,000 00
Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central R. R. Co.	555,000 00

Total \$3,597,000 00

The first named company built the railroad from Lake City to Quincy; the second reconstructed that from St. Marks to Tallahassee; the third built that from Fernandina to Cedar Keys, and the fourth built that from Jacksonville to Lake City.

The annual interest of this amount guaranteed by the fund was \$251,790, payable half every six months. Without going into figures it may be stated as a fact that prior to the war the trustees had to pay large amounts of interest for the companies.

SALE OF RAILROADS BY TRUSTEES.

However successful the railroad companies and the fund might have been in paying, as it matured, the above amount of interest and the vastly increasing amount there would have been to pay as the result of the construction of the roads from Quincy to Pensacola and from Waldo to Tampa Bay if the country had remained in a state of peace and prosperity, the war, with its almost utter annihilation of the business of the roads, coupled with the prostration which afterwards marked our history, was a fatal blow to the scheme.

Very large amounts of interest remained unpaid, and in 1867 and 1868 and after interest coupons were sold as low as twenty-five and thirty cents for the dollar and even lower, although they were receivable in payment for lands.

There is a provision in the internal improvement act that no bonds shall be endorsed by the trustees for any road constructed after eight years from the approval of the act. This period expired in January, 1863, and there never was any extension of the time, although a great part of the proposed system of roads remained unconstructed. If there was any practical ability upon the part of any one to undertake building the remaining parts of these lines, with the bond endorsement period extended, such extension was not made, nor are we aware that it was considered till 1879, when the Legislature gave the matter mature investigation and concluded it would not be well to extend the time.

The lines or parts of lines which had been constructed were after the war regarded as completed roads within the meaning of the internal improvement law, and the companies operating them having failed to pay the sinking fund of a half of one per cent. semi-annually, the trustees, under the power given them by the statute, seized and sold the several roads, as follows:

The Florida Railroad in the fall of 1867, the Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central in the spring of 1868, and the Pensacola and Georgia and Tallahassee Railroads March 20, 1869. The effect of such sales was to relieve the railroads of all liens, of the bonds or coupons, except the half of one per cent. payable semi-annually to meet the principal of the bonds. It left the fund alone responsible for interest. The companies were left bankrupt by the sales, and the stock received by the trustees for interest payments was consequently, like that of private persons and of the counties, worthless. The sales of the Pensacola and Georgia and the Tallahassee roads were made by the Governor Harrison Reed Board, and those of

the Florida and the Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central roads by the Governor Walker Board.

CONDITION OF THE FUND AFTER THE SALES.

Through the instrumentality of these sales there were required and cancelled about the dates thereof the following bonds:

P. & G. Bonds....	\$ 807,600 00	Leaving outstanding..	\$ 412,400 00	
Tallahassee.....	153,100 00	Leaving outstanding..	50,775 00	
Florida R. R.	1,388,000 00	Leaving outstanding..	288,000 00	
Fla., A. & G. C...	524,000 00	Leaving outstanding...	31,090 00	
Total Cancelled ..		\$2,872,700 00	Total outstanding.....	\$ 722,175 00

These sales and the cancellation of bonds following them left outstanding not only \$722,175 principal of bonds and coupons belonging to them of nearly all dates subsequent to the commencement of the war, but it also left on the market many past due coupons of the cancelled bonds. After the sale of the P. & G. and Tallahassee railroads in 1869 there was an outstanding indebtedness in principal of bonds of \$722,175. The annual interest falling due on this amount was \$50,552, and each coupon as it matured itself bore interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, amounting to about \$3,500 per annum.

RAILROAD AND INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND LITIGATION.

Now it is true that had the entire price bid for the P. & G. and the Tallahassee railroads, when they were sold in 1869, been paid promptly, the internal improvement fund would have been thereby relieved of all burden as to the P. & G. and Tallahassee railroad coupons, or interest on them, except the coupons which had matured anterior to March 20, 1869, of which there was, however, outstanding a considerable larger amount than was supposed, but a balance of \$463,175.37, to-wit: \$412,400 for the P. & G. and \$50,775 on the Tallahassee road, which should have been paid, was not, nor was any part of it ever received by the trustees until 1882. The trustees under the Stearns administration did obtain a judgment against the J., P. & M. R. R. Co. in Duval circuit court in 1874, but as the Supreme Court of the State made a decision which was understood by some to establish the doctrine that under the Constitution of 1868 a circuit court could not sell property beyond the territorial limits of the circuit, it was regarded by many as a legal impossibility to sell the railroads from Lake City to Quincy and from Tallahassee to St. Marks under the decree of that circuit court, as they lay entirely outside of that circuit, and extended nearly

through two other circuits. It is a question whether the process of our courts as then constituted could have made effectual a practical sale of the roads last mentioned, except by piecemeal. At any rate no sale was ever made under such decree. After the failure to pay the balance of the purchase money of the P. & G. and Tallahassee roads, E. C. Anderson and other holders of bonds of these companies began in 1872 a suit in the United States circuit court at Jacksonville and obtained a decree against the J., P. & M. R. R. Co., then operating the roads, for the sale of the roads to pay such balance. In the latter part of 1873 the State of Florida began a suit in the United States Supreme Court, and in December, 1875, obtained a decree enjoining a sale by Anderson and others under their decree. No sale of the roads was made by the Stearns administration under any of its powers, although they were advertised. In the spring of 1877, after Governor Drew came into power, the sale of the roads was advertised, but was enjoined by Judge Bradley in the suits of a North Carolina railroad company. Soon after this injunction was granted the holders of the Florida State bonds issued in 1870, and known as the Littlefield bonds, began in the United States court at Tallahassee a suit (subsequently transferred to Jacksonville), in which they claimed, as against the trustees and everybody else, a first lien on the whole line of railroad between Chattahoochee and Lake City and Quincy and St. Marks.

This suit, known as the Schutte case, came on for final trial in May, 1870, and in it was decreed that the trustees had on the roads from Quincy to Lake City and from Tallahassee to St. Marks the first lien for the balance of purchase money stated, to-wit: \$463,175.37, and interest from March 20, 1869, and the holders of the Littlefield bonds the second lien; and that they should be sold to pay these liens. The decree, however, provided that a sale should first be made to pay the second lien, and the purchasers should have twelve months after such sale in which to redeem the first or trustees' lien. A sale of the last named roads did take place in September, 1879, but owing to an appeal taken to the United States Supreme Court, where, in the winter of 1881, Judge Bradley's decree of May, 1879, was affirmed. The sale of September, 1879, was not confirmed until July 8, 1881 (which was even after the sale to Disston), and the year within which the balance of purchase money was to be paid did not expire till July 25, 1882. Thus is explained the delay in collecting the balance of purchase money.

For the interest annually accumulating from 1869 to 1882 on the \$722,175 of bonds, as well as for interest on the coupons, and the very large amount of outstanding coupons maturing prior to sales of the different railroads on the bonds which were cancelled at such sales, it is plain that there was no relief, in view of the above railroad litigation, except through the fund. Unless the sales of land were sufficient to pay them, they had to remain unpaid and continue bearing interest from their maturity.

During Governor Reed's administration the trustees, with at least one exception—Col. R. H. Gamble—took into their heads the idea that the lands could, under the guise of sales at nominal prices, say 10 cents per acre, be applied to purposes of immigration and to the improvement of navigation along the waterways on the Atlantic coast in this State. Contracts were made with companies and proposed to convey to them large bodies of lands of the fund in consideration of a nominal money value and the introduction of immigrants or the improvement of the Atlantic coast line waterways. It is immaterial and would occupy too much space to go into details as to those contracts. At this time the ordinary sales of land were limited, and the coupons were selling at a very low figure. Practically the fund was regarded as insolvent; actually it was in default in meeting its liabilities. Francis Vose, being a holder of a large amount of coupons, filed in the United States court at Jacksonville a bill in chancery against Governor Reed's trustees in 1870 to prevent these sales and for other purposes, and an injunction was granted against carrying out such agreement of such sales, and for selling lands for scrip or State warrants or coupons, or anything else except current money of the United States, and for applying any money or property of the fund, except in strict accordance with the provisions of the internal improvement act, to the payment of coupons or to the sinking fund, as they might be applicable. The proceeds of lands were not applicable to the payment of sinking fund at all, except to the coupons of internal improvement railroad bonds in which any sinking fund might have been invested. The practical purpose of the injunction was to confirm the use of the proceeds of sales of lands to the payment of coupons over and above the expenses of administering the fund. Not long after this injunction was granted it was violated by the Reed trustees, and all of them were brought up before the Federal court on attachment, and, with the exception of Colonel Gamble, none of them have ever been formally discharged therefrom. In 1872 the court made an order appointing A. Doggett receiver of all property of the

fund, including the proceeds of the sales of lands, taking increased supervision and control of the whole trust, and by its orders then and previously made, leaving to the trustees only the function of managing and selling lands, and requiring them to make monthly reports of all sales and all expenses of managing the lands, and to pay over monthly all the proceeds of sales of lands over and above the necessary amount to pay the expenses of management. It was also provided by orders in the cause that all coupons should be presented and filed with the master in the cause and be adjudicated to be legal claims on the fund before being paid. In December, 1876, Mr. Vose filed a petition asking that he not only be reimbursed for all amounts he had paid out or was liable for as costs and expenses in conducting the litigation, but also be paid a salary for personal services and the time occupied by him. Governor Drew was inaugurated soon after the filing of this petition, and the board of trustees, of which he was the head, resisted it. On the 15th day of February, 1878, the court made an allowance to Mr. Vose of \$27,833.34 and interest, which increased the amount to about \$33,000 for ordinary court costs and attorneys' fees, and in December, 1879, on a further hearing allowed him \$60,134.96 and interest thereon, bringing the amount up to about \$77,000 for payments made to different persons for promoting sales of lands and preventing trespasses, investigating coupons, procuring testimony, etc., including \$15,003.35 for his railroad fare and hotel bills from October, 1866, to December, 1876, and \$34,625 for his personal services to the fund in conducting the litigation during the eleven years.

Up to this time very limited payments had been made since the commencement of the litigation on the interest of coupons, though they regularly became due and themselves bore interest. By the order of the court the moneys then in the hands of the receiver from sale of lands were directed to be applied to the allowances, and were so applied as far as they would go, say one-half, and the balance was paid afterwards, as soon as there was funds. The Drew board appealed in 1880 to the United States court, and Vose's decree on his coupons, filed with master, was pledged by order of the court to the reimbursement of any reduction which the Supreme Court might make of his allowances.

The case was advanced on the docket of that court and decided in May, 1882, with the result of a disapproval and rejection of the two items of \$15,003.35 and \$34,625. Though the litigation had been pending so long, we see that the practical result of it was to tie up or divert from payment of inter-

est the cash proceeds of the lands, and comparatively nothing was done toward paying interest at all until 1878. To get at the exact condition of the fund when the Disston sale was made, we here submit what land sales had been made from 1869 to 1881. We take the figures from the reports of the Commissioner of Land and Immigration:

SALES OF LANDS.

In 1869 the proceeds estimated	\$ 15,001 95
In 1870 the proceeds were	30,014 52
In 1871 the proceeds were	11,598 81
In 1872 the proceeds were	7,075 54
In 1873 the proceeds were	10,581 62
In 1874 the proceeds were	12,380 34
In 1875 the proceeds were	24,080 84
In 1876 the proceeds were	31,960 56
In 1877 the proceeds were	21,464 45
In 1878 the proceeds were	36,363 21
In 1879 the proceeds were	24,989 88
In 1880 the proceeds were	47,927 59
Total	\$273,488 95

During the greater part of this period of twelve years the fund was in litigation, and the proceeds were paid into the hands of a receiver and were subject to further reduction by ordinary court costs and court proceedings. It will be seen from the foregoing figures that the receipts from land sales fell far short of a sufficiency to pay the accrued and accruing interest.

THE INTEREST DEBT.

It was, prior to the commencement of actual payment of the interest debt out of the proceeds of this Disston sale, very difficult, if not impossible, to ascertain the real amount of such interest indebtedness. Upon the best data that could be attained in 1879 Governor Drew, in a message to the Legislature, estimated it at about \$650,000. A committee of the Legislature, however, took the matter in hand and reported it to be \$808,074.91. It is a fact, however, that other coupons not then in their hands came to light and were afterwards allowed which increased the total amount to about \$1,270,618.28. On May 31, 1879, there was collected on the decree in the Schutte case \$714,102.78, and this amount was applied to taking up the principal of P. & G. bonds and aiding in meeting the interest the board had been paying out.

SUMMARY.

Amount received on P. & G., part of Schutte case decree	\$ 714,102 78
Paid principal P. & G. bonds	\$305,950 00
Reserved to pay P. & G. bonds not presented	9,950 00—\$ 315,900 00
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Balance applicable to interest	\$ 398,202 78
The amount of interest paid by the fund	\$1,270,618 28
Deduct amount received from railroads	398,202 78
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Leaving amount paid from lands	\$872,415 50
Add for coupons adjudicated not paid	\$49,823 00
Add for excess over Tallahassee railroad interest	37,695 84— 87,518 84
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Leaving amount paid and adjudicated to be paid from lands	\$959,934 34

There were in the hands of Mr. Doggett, as master in the case of E. C. Anderson and others in the United States court, \$103,000 bonds, to-wit: \$96,500 P. & G. bonds and \$6,500 Tallahassee Railroad bonds, which have been surrendered by order of the court and cancelled.

Besides the coupons mentioned there were others in litigation which are not included above and amounting to at least \$50,000.

Taking these facts we see what was the real condition.

There was an indebtedness of, say \$959,934.34, to be provided for within a year from the lands, exclusive of all aid from railroad sales. Judging from the past and everything that has occurred since, it was evident that to save any of the lands for other purposes there was but one thing to do, and that was to make a sale of a large body of lands.

This had been foreseen by two previous administrations, who had attempted it, but had not been successful in selling. The annual sales were not as a matter of fact during the years named paying the annual interest—on an average barely a third of it.

In addition to this there were claims not then in judgment, but which were afterwards adjudged against the fund. An application was then pending to have an order passed directing the master to sell at public outcry all of the lands belonging to the fund, and the State was powerless to protect this vast interest unless a sale could be made, as the Constitution of the

State would not allow the issue of bonds for that purpose. This was the condition of affairs that confronted the trustees in 1881, and they realized the gravity of the situation and the necessity of raising funds immediately to prevent the sacrifice of all the lands to pay the indebtedness; commenced negotiations with Hamilton Disston, who by reason of a recent contract made to drain Lake Okeechobee and the adjacent territory was supposed to be interested in Florida lands. The price at which the trustees offered to sell was the same as that at which the same lands had been previously offered by the trustees, but Mr. Disston, being interested, as before stated, in the Okeechobee drainage operations, decided to make the purchase of four million acres, which brought into the hands of the board of trustees one million dollars, of which over nine hundred thousand dollars were applied to the payment of judgments already obtained and the interest thereon, and the balance was paid out on claims adjudicated by the court under the following and subsequent orders:

In the Circuit Court of the United States, }
Fifth Circuit, Northern District of Florida. }

Chas. P. Greenough, Administrator of Francis Vose, vs. the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, et al.—In equity.

This cause coming on to be heard it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, defendants, be and are hereby authorized to pay through their treasurer the claims adjudicated against said fund in this cause, and for this purpose use any money they have or may receive as the proceeds of lands sold, or to be sold, belonging to such fund; that the amount adjudged in favor of the late Francis Vose for costs and expenses in this cause, in so far as the same remain unpaid, shall first be paid, subject to the terms and conditions of the orders allowing them; that after the payment of such amounts remaining due for costs and expenses the coupons adjudged to be legal claims against said fund shall be paid by the trustees through their treasurer, the same payments to be made on a pro rata basis as to all claims so adjudged and payable. It is further ordered that such payments shall be made to the solicitors of record in all cases, when there are such solicitors, and when there are not, then to the party claimants.

Done, ordered and adjudged and decreed this, 8th day of July, A. D. 1881, in open court.

THOMAS SETTLE, Judge.

W. B. WOODS, Circuit Justice.

We consent to the above order.

Henry C. Jackson, for E. C. Anderson, et al.; C. D. Willard, solicitor for Vose decree; Flemming & Daniel, W. D. Ellis, et al.; John A. Henderson, for himself; B. C. Lewis, Edward Lewis, Cochran & Co., et al.; Cockrell & Walker, for National Bank Carolina; Geo. P. Raney, solicitor trustees I. I. Fund.

In Circuit Court of the United States, }
Fifth Circuit, Northern District of Florida. }

Chas. P. Greenough, Administrator of Francis Vose, vs. Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, et al.

It is ordered and decreed in this cause that interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum shall be allowed on all coupons adjudged to be a valid claim against the Internal Improvement Fund in this cause, from their maturity to the date of payment.

Done and ordered in open court, this July 8, 1881.

W. B. Woods, Circuit Justice.

THE DISSTON SALE.

What this sale was: The quantity was 4,000,000 acres of the swamp lands — none of the "internal improvement lands proper." Of these, 3,500,000 acres were taken in bodies of 10,000 and 500,000 in bodies of 640 acres—to be selected however, after the 10,000-acre bodies were taken. The trustees were at the time offering lands in bodies of 5,080 to any one who would take not less than 5,000 acres at 50 cents per acre. Here, however, was a sale of 3,500,000 acres in bodies of 10,000 acres, and Mr. Disston was the first purchaser found, after years of effort, who would take a large quantity and pay this price. Had not it or some similar sale been made the mountain of incumbrance would have still existed and would be still growing. The sale was made through Governor Bloxham, who went North for this purpose, and no commissions were paid or are due to any one for it. It has been supposed by many that the payments made by Mr. Disston were made to a large extent in coupons. Of \$500,000 paid by him, all was in currency except about \$15,000, which he paid in coupons purchased at about ninety cents on the dollar.

SETTLERS ON PUBLIC LANDS.

In making this sale Governor Bloxham and his associates were not unmindful of the settlers on the State lands. Pro-

vision was made that they should have until January 1, 1893, to enter their lands at the usual prices.

EFFECT OF THE SALE.

These sales have been followed by events which will prove of vast benefit to the State. It was this that enabled the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company, relying upon the munificent land grant which was thereby secured to it, to obtain the means of constructing the railroad from Chattahoochee to Pensacola, a work indispensable to the development of West Florida and so essential to unifying our State. This alone would be enough to compensate for any deficiency in its terms were there any. Under the encouragement of its influences the Florida, Green Cove and Melrose Railroad, the St. Johns and Lake Eustis Railroad, the St. Johns and Halifax Railroad, the Blue Springs, Orange City and Atlantic Railroad, the Florida Southern Railroad, the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West Railroad, East Florida Railroad, Tavares, Orlando and Atlantic Railroad, Live Oak and Rowland Bluff Railroad, Fernandina and Jacksonville Railroad, Western Railway of Florida, Jacksonville, Mayport and Pablo Beach Railroad, the Jacksonville and Atlantic Railroad, the Florida Midland Railroad, the Silver Springs, Ocala and Gulf Railroad, the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad from Waldo to Tampa and also from Tavares to Orlando, the Orange Belt Railroad, the St. Augustine and Palatka Railroad, the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax River Railroad, the Sanford and Indian River Railroad, the Live Oak, Tampa and Charlotte Harbor Railroad.

CANALS.

Atlantic, Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Company.
Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company.

It has allayed all resistlessness by creditors to the grants of alternate sections within the six mile limit under special act, as well as the general law of 1879, a resistance which, but for the sale, would have been vehement and have found its final settlement perhaps in the United States Supreme Court after the usual delays of litigation. We have today many miles of road constructed since the sale which it is not reasonable to suppose we would have had otherwise.

But railroads are not the only benefits. Four million of acres of land have been converted into taxable property; they have come into the hands of capitalists, who can only make them remunerative by enhancing their value and thus more than doubling the taxes derived therefrom. In whatever re-

spect the owners of these lands are benefited by reason of the enhanced value of same with the improvements thereon, the State is correspondingly benefited by receiving taxes on the said lands upon a basis of their present value under their improved condition.

The foregoing portion of this report applies largely to the origin of the Internal Improvement Fund and the workings thereof for the past several years, and we have seen fit to embrace it in our report, believing that there is some valuable and interesting facts concerning this fund which the citizens of Florida generally will appreciate.

The resolution under which we were appointed and under which we are acting called for a thorough report of the present status of the fund and directed us to make careful examination for the last four years. In obedience to that direction we have made a most thorough and complete examination of all the books, papers, minutes, records, accounts, receipts and vouchers in the office of said board, and as a result of such examination we submit the following:

On January 1, 1893, the Treasurer had a cash balance on hand as follows:

Balance Internal Improvement Fund.....	\$11,462 49	
Balance relief bonded counties	8,500 84	
Balance Sinking Fund, Florida R. R. bonds..	3,600 10	
Balance Sinking Fund, Gulf and Central R. R. bonds.....	580 64	
Total	\$24,144 07	
Receipts for 1893	12,181 59	
Receipts for 1894	8,698 07	
Receipts for 1895	22,040 91	
Receipts for 1896	4,620 46	-\$71,685 10
Disbursements, 1893.....	9,594 54	
Disbursements, 1894.....	12,503 05	
Disbursements, 1895.....	18,313 71	
Disbursements, 1896.....	8,519 93	-\$48,931 23
Balance on hand January 1, 1897.....	\$22,753 87	

To arrive at the above conclusion we went back to the report of the treasurer of this fund, ending December 31, 1892, and found the balance which he reported to have on hand at that time, to-wit: \$24,144.07, to be correct, as shown by the balance sheets of his books. We then investigated thoroughly the receipts and disbursements coming into and being paid out by the treasurer for the period beginning January 1, 1893, and ending December 31, 1893. We next made a like examination for the period beginning January 1, 1894, and ending December 31, 1894; we made a like examination for the period

from January 1, 1895, to December 31, 1895, and a like examination for the period beginning January 1, 1896, and ending December 31, 1896. After charging the fund up with the amount on hand on January 1, 1893, and also charging against the fund the total receipts for 1893, 1894, 1895, and 1896, and then giving the fund credit for the total amount of disbursements for the years 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896, we find as above reported that there was on hand on January 1, 1897, the sum of \$22,753.87, which said amount is credited up to the fund as follows:

Internal Improvement Fund proper.....	\$ 13,777 75
Relief of bonded counties.....	8,150 82
Sinking fund Florida R. R. bonds.....	506 10
Sinking fund F. A. & G. C. R. R. bonds.....	319 20
Total.....	\$ 22,753 87

We are glad to be able to report that the books and accounts of said fund are accurately and systematically kept, that proper entries appeared for each receipt of money, showing from what source it came and to what fund it was credited; that there were proper entries of all disbursements, and that the treasurer of the fund had receipts and vouchers for every disbursement, and in concluding this, our report, we desire to state that Messrs. Wombwell, McIntosh, Gwynn and Chesley each responded cheerfully in furnishing any desired information concerning said examination and rendered us all assistance in their power, thus making our work in their respective departments very pleasant and agreeable.

Having diligently performed the duties assigned us under House Concurrent Resolution No. 24, and having concluded our labors, we beg leave to submit this, our report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. DANIEL,

Chairman of Joint Committee on part of the Senate.

W. H. LEWIS,

J. L. YOUNG,

Of the Committee on part of the House.

Ordered spread on the Journal.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 54:

A bill to be entitled an act to suspend for the term of two years the collection of all royalties upon phosphate rock or phosphatic deposits that may be mined, dug or removed from the beds of the navigable waters of the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,

Chairman Committee on Mining and Phosphate.

And Senate Bill No. 54, 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., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 391:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the appointment of an agent to examine, inspect and report monthly, or oftner as to the treatment, care, custody and mainteance of all State convicts.

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

Very respectfully,

S. H. BLITCH,

Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

And House Bill No. 391, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar on bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1896. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 119:

A bill to be entitled an act to vest the control and sale of certain lands in Florida in the State Board of Education, and to apply the proceeds arising from the sale of said lands to the principal of the common school fund in the State of Florida.

Have had the same under consideration, and report without action.

Very respectfully,

F. ADAMS,

Chairman Committee on Public Lands.

And House Bill No. 119, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Darby, Chairman of the Committee to examine the Comptroller's and Treasurer's offices, submitted the following report:

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The committee on behalf of the Senate, as per Joint Resolution No. 2, to examine the Comptroller and Treasurer's offices, beg leave to report:

On account of the limited time at the disposal of your committee and the multitude of vouchers and accounts to be examined we were unable to make as complete a report as we desired.

On account of the errors found considerable time was consumed in verifying our work. We have endeavored to make

tabulated statements of such work as we have been able to complete, so as to enable the Senate and the House to see at a glance the condition of each account.

EXHIBIT A

Shows the appropriations and expenditures of the Legislature of 1895, and also the balance brought forward from previous legislative appropriations, which amounts to \$154,680.84. These unexpended balances are available to the respective appropriations if the interpretation of the law is as per Gov. Bloxham's letter attached.

Attached will be found his letter and a letter from this committee to him. We beg also to call your attention to section 131, chapter 5, of the Revised Statutes of 1892, surplus funds, which section has been ignored in regard to transferring at the end of every fiscal year all unexpended balances of appropriations made for such fiscal year. The Treasurer keeps no such account, consequently the Legislature has not been informed as provided for by said act.

EXHIBIT A $\frac{1}{2}$

Will show from 1891 to 1896, inclusive, how these unexpended balances have increased from year to year, and we beg to call the attention of the Senate to the fact that the appropriations made have never been reduced, although these unexpended balances have been construed as available, and the respective departments have continued to ask for the usual appropriations.

EXHIBIT B

Shows the assessed value of personal and real property from 1890 to 1896—the income, the expenditures, cost of collecting the same and the balance on hand.

In 1895-6 the assessed value was \$97,705,056.83.

The rate of taxation levied by the State was, for general revenue, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ mills.

The available amount due for general revenue from taxes levied was \$317,541.41.

Amount received from taxes levied.....	\$329,771	96
Amount received from licenses.....	153,635	16
Amount received from all other sources.....	53,046	65

Total income.....	\$536,453	77
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And it cost the State to collect this revenue 11 1-5 per cent.

This exhibit will also show that the balance over expenditures December 31, 1891, was \$16,543.91, whereas the balance brought forward and income of the State over expenditures was December 31, 1894, \$161,043.18; in 1895, \$266,510.37, and December 31, 1896, \$242,851.91, which makes your committee wonder why the State had to dispose of securities held by the school fund to take up the Astor loan when this account shows that the State was in possession of, in 1895, \$266,510.37, and in 1896, \$242,851.91. This would indicate that the State was amply able to pay this debt out of the general revenue, which the law prescribes should be done. Attention is called to the act approved April 26, 1893, page 78, acts of 1893, which reads: "And that the money so borrowed, and the interest thereon, shall be paid to the lender or his representatives by the Treasurer, out of any moneys which may come into the treasury from taxes heretofore assessed, or that may hereafter be assessed; and the Comptroller shall draw his warrant for the amount borrowed in favor of such lender or lenders, or his or their representatives, against the appropriation made and authorized by this act." On the Senate Journal of May 13, 1897, appears the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That his excellency, the Governor, be requested to inform the Senate whether or not certain bonds of the States of Alabama and North Carolina, which had been held in the school fund, were sold during the years 1895 or 1896, or at any time during which he filled the office of Comptroller.

"Also that he be requested to inform the Senate, if such sale was made, if it was not for the purpose of providing funds to meet a note or notes of the State's; and why, instead of drawing his warrant on the Treasurer, such sale was made.

"Further that he be requested to give the date or dates of the transaction or transactions, and such other information with reference thereto as he may deem proper to communicate to the Senate, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to him."

His excellency, the Governor, in replying to this resolution, says in effect that bonds of the State of North Carolina, amounting to \$61,000, held by the school fund were sold to meet said note. Now this exhibit B, as already stated, shows the following balances carried on—

December 31, 1894.....	\$161,043 18
December 31, 1895	266,510 37
December 31, 1896.....	242,851 91

which were available for meeting this obligation of \$100,000 without borrowing from the school fund, and that the authorities did not comply with the statute above quoted.

EXHIBIT C

Will show a statement of the bonded and other indebtedness of the State, including the \$200,000 borrowed in 1891, of which \$200,000 the State still owes \$175,000 held by the school fund and \$25,000 held by the internal improvement fund.

EXHIBIT D

Shows the income and expenditures of the educational funds, as follows:

January 1, 1896, balance in funds.....	\$ 37,122 46
Receipts from all sources.....	164,072 37
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Total.....	\$201,194 83
Expenditures.....	153,116 52
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Leaving a balance of.....	\$ 48,078 31

EXHIBIT E

Shows that the total expenses of the courts and judicial department of the State cost the people \$106,881.27 for the year 1896.

Although the State expended this vast amount to enforce law and order and bring the guilty to justice, Exhibits F and G show that the State does not receive much benefit from this expenditure where her interest is directly concerned.

EXHIBIT F

Shows that A. M. Hyer, ex-tax collector of Orange county, was a defaulter to the State, August 6, 1885, for \$18,192.74. He has reduced that indebtedness, and now owes the State \$1,996.64, without interest. Including interest, it would amount to \$4,823.71. See letter of State's Attorney J. D. Beggs, attached.

EXHIBIT G

Shows that R. D. Kirk, ex-tax collector of Hernando county, is also a defaulter to the State in the sum of \$3,622.67, from which there is claimed a commission due him of \$1,567.85,

which still leaves him indebted to the State, and a portion of this default has existed since 1892.

EXHIBIT H

Shows a slack system of paying bills made by the State Asylum for the Insane—warrants issued on transcripts of bills, and these transcripts are the only evidence that the State holds in possession for the money paid out. Vouchers have been issued amounting to \$31,259.50 for pay rolls for the State Insane Asylum, and the only evidence your committee found in the Comptroller's office that these pay rolls had been paid was a copy of the pay roll. These copies have printed on the backs, "Examined and approved by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions. Secretary," and are signed by the secretary or assistant secretary.

EXHIBIT J

Refers to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum and will indicate that bills have not been properly audited. Your committee infers that in the Comptroller's office they take for granted that the bills are correct, and issue warrants without auditing them. We submit Exhibit J as a foundation for our conclusions. We would call the attention of the Senate to the methods used in spending the appropriations made for the benefit of these institutions, which is as follows: The superintendent and principal of these respective institutions contract bills, and at the end of the month warrants are issued in favor of the superintendent or principal for the amounts of their bills, which bills are not receipted, and often are only transcripts of bills, which is the only evidence we found of the payment and discharge of these obligations. It is the exception to find a receipted bill.

We would respectfully call attention to chapter 146, section 1, Acts of January 6, 1848, Revised Statutes, page 138; also section 96 of article 4 of the Revised Statutes.

EXHIBIT K

Refers to the clerks of the courts of the respective counties, and indicates that the accounts of these respective clerks have not been audited, and if so, must have been audited by incompetent clerks, for there are errors both in favor of and against the State, as this exhibit will show.

EXHIBIT L—REDEMPTION OF LANDS SOLD FOR TAXES.

An exhaustive examination has been made in the office

handling the redemption of the lands sold for taxes. Receipts from January 1, 1893, to January 1, 1897, covering a period of four years, show an amount of \$335,184.94. The difference between the calculations of the Comptroller and the Treasurer amount to \$15.52.

EXHIBIT M.

This exhibit shows the discrepancies found in "Abstracts of warrants issue No. 4," and also a letter to Hon. W. H. Reynolds, Comptroller, which explains itself. The book above designated we find in a very unsatisfactory condition.

Your committee has had no time to go into the accounts in the Treasurer's office in a thorough and proper examination. We beg to say, however, that after proving the books of the Comptroller's office we compared the balances with those in the Treasurer's office and found them to correspond, as also to correspond with the published report of the Comptroller and Treasurer. We found the books of account of the trust fund held by the Treasurer of the moneys received for the redemption of lands sold for taxes in a condition that does not reflect credit on the Treasurer's office.

If the moneys of the State have been properly expended, and have not been depredated upon, it must be credited to the honesty of the officials and not to the system used in keeping accounts.

T. A. DARBY,
Chairman Joint Committee on part of the Senate.
E. P. WARD,
Chairman House Committee.
D. H. BAKER,
H. H. McCREARY.

EXHIB-

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDI-

	Balance.	Appropriation.
Executive Department Salaries.....	\$ 20,909 88	.....
Appropriation.		
Last half 1896.....	\$7,000	.....
1896.....	\$14,000	.....
First half 1897.....	\$7,000	\$28,000 00
Judiciary Salaries.....	7,921 10	.....
1895—Clerk.....	\$469.50	.....
1895—General.....	\$19,750.00	.....
1896—General.....	\$39,500.00	.....
1896—Clerk.....	\$939.00	.....
1897—General.....	\$19,750.00	.....
1897—Clerk.....	\$469.50	80,878 00
Maintenance Lunatics.....	19,584 90	.....
1895.....	\$25,000	.....
1896.....	\$50,000	.....
1897.....	\$25,000	100,000 00
Jurors and Witnesses.....	62,491 90	.....
1895.....	\$30,000	.....
1896.....	\$60,000	.....
1897.....	\$30,000	120,000 00
Printing—General.....	25,012 10	.....
1895.....	\$4,000	.....
1896.....	\$8,000	.....
1897.....	\$4,000	16,000 00
Expense Collection Revenue.....	1,149 79	.....
1895.....	\$22,500	.....
1896.....	\$45,000	.....
1897.....	\$22,500	90,000 00
See "Exhibit B."		
Supreme Court—Contingent.....	159 76	.....
1895.....	\$750	.....
1896.....	\$1,500	.....
1897.....	\$750	3,000 00
Stationery Executive and Legislative Departments.....	58 06	.....

IT A.

TURES LEGISLATURE OF 1895.

Total.	Expended.	Apparent Unexpended Balance.	Actual Unexpended Balance.	Overdraft. Current Appropriation.
\$48,909 88	\$24,875 00	\$ 24,034 88	\$ 3,125 00	
88,799 10	70,964 15	17,834 95	9,913 85	
119,584 90	106,701 57	12,883 33		\$ 6,701 57
182,491 90	107,687 54	74,804 36	12,312 46	
41,012 10	18,481 32	22,530 78		2,481 32
91,149 79	110,153 66			19,003 87
3,159 76	3,153 77	5 99		153 77

EXHIBIT A—

	Balance.	Appropriations.
1895.....	\$500	
1896.....	\$1,000	
1897.....	\$500	\$ 2,000 00
Circuit Judge on Supreme Bench...	\$ 1,570 27	
1895.....	\$150	
1896.....	\$200	
1897.....	\$150	600 00
State Troops.....	7 32	
1895.....	\$2,000	
1896.....	\$4,000	
1897.....	\$2,000	8,000 00
Rewards.....	857 95	
1895.....	\$1,000	
1896.....	\$2,000	
1897.....	\$1,000	4,000 00
State—Contingent.....	272 23	
1895.....	\$500	
1896.....	\$1,000	
1897.....	\$500	2,000 00
Plats, etc., for Assessors.....	625 55	
1895.....	\$150	
1896.....	\$300	
1897.....	150	600 00
Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute.....	5,200 96	
1895.....	\$5,000	
1896.....	\$10,000	
1897.....	\$5,000	20,000 00
Contingent—Capitol.....	264 83	
1895.....	\$750	
1896.....	\$2,000	
1897.....	\$750	3,500 00
Department of Agriculture.....	2,662 41	
1895.....	\$3,262 50	
1896.....	\$6,525 00	
1897.....	\$3,262 50	13,050 00
Department of Agriculture—Seeds, Postage, etc.....		

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Total.	Expended.	Apparent Unexpended Balance.	Actual Unexpended Balance.	Overdraft Current Appropriation.
\$ 2,058 06	\$ 1,978 75	\$ 79 31	\$ 21 25	
2,170 27	55 50	2,114 77	544 50	
8,007 32	5,260 68	2,746 64	2,739 32	
4,857 95	2,855 05	2,002 90	1,144 95	
2,272 23	2,013 24	258 99		13 24
1,225 55	415 00	810 55	185 00	
25,200 96	16,686 49	8,514 47	3,313 51	
3,764 83	3,763 81	1 02		263 81
15,712 41	11,389 50	4,322 91	1,660 50	

EXHIBIT A—

	Balance.	Appropriation.
1895.....	\$300	
1896.....	\$600	
1897.....	\$300	\$ 1,200 00
State Chemist Supplies.		
1895.....	\$400	
1896.....	\$800	
1897.....	\$400	
Department Agriculture—Printing.		
1895.....	\$250	
1896.....	\$500	
1897.....	\$250	
Pensions.....	\$3,023 13	
1895.....	\$35,000	
1896.....	\$70,000	
1897.....	\$35,000	140,000 00
Costs in Civil Cases vs. State.....	69 88	
1895.....	\$50	
1896.....	\$100	
1897.....	\$50	200 00
Books—Supreme Court Library.		
1895.....	\$250	
1896.....	\$500	
1897.....	\$250	1,000 00
Insurance State Buildings.....	583 00	
Appropriation 1894.....		2,000 00
Printing Supreme Court Reports...	1,599 41	
1895.....	\$1,000	
1896.....	\$2,000	
1897.....	\$1,000	4,000 00
Library Supreme Court.....	10 00	
1895.....	\$150	
1896.....	\$300	
1897.....	\$150	600 00
Governor's Stenographer.....	20 00	
1895.....	\$360	
1896.....	\$720	
1897.....	\$360	1,440 00

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Total.	Expended.	Apparent Unexpended Balance.	Actual Unexpended Balance.	Overdraft Current Appropriation.
\$ 1,200 00	\$ 1,209 03			\$ 9 03
1,600 00	1,352 85	247 15	247 15	
1,000 00	830 54	169 46	169 46	
143,023 13	117,667 96	25,356 17	22,332 04	
269 88	82 70	187 18	117 30	
1,000 00	948 99	51 01	51 01	
2,583 00	1,258 60	1,324 40	741 40	
5,599 41	3,232 95	2,366 46	757 05	
610 00	524 96	85 04	75 04	
1,460 00	1,260 00	200 00	180 00	

EXHIBIT A—

	Balance.	Appropriation.
Janitor Capitol....	\$ 58 42	\$ 600 00
Watchman Capitol....		1,200 00
Janitor Supreme Court....	25 00	600 00
Executive Department Clerks.		
1895.....	\$4,775	
1896.....	\$9,550	
1897.....	\$4,775	19,100 00
Judge's Clerk Fifth Circuit.....		
Tax Redemption Clerks.		
1895.....	\$1,440	
1896.....	\$2,880	
1897.....	41,440	5,760 00
Adjutant-General.....	33 33	2,000 00
Secretary Supreme Court.....	511 66	3,000 00
	\$154,680 84	\$674,328 00

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Total.	Expended.	Apparent Unexpended Balance.	Actual Unexpended Balance.	Overdraft Current Appropriation.
\$ 658 42	\$ 550 00	\$ 108 42	\$ 50 00	.....
1,200 00	1,100 00	100 00	100 00	.....
625 00	550 00	75 00	50 00
.....
19,100 00	16,712 50	2,387 50	2,387 50
1,200 00	1,050 00	150 00	150 00
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5,760 00	5,040 00	720 00	720 00
2,033 33	1,750 00	283 33	250 00
3,511 66	2,625 00	886 66	375 90
<u>\$832,810 84</u>	<u>\$644,181 11</u>	<u>\$207,643 63</u>	<u>\$63,723 29</u>	<u>\$28,626 61</u>

EXHIBIT A—CONTINUED.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
STATE OF FLORIDA,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 26, 1897. }

Gov. W. D. BLOXHAM,

Ex-Comptroller, State of Florida:

DEAR SIR—In examining the accounts in the Comptroller's office we find that unexpended balances of appropriations have been carried along as credits to the respective accounts. For the information of this committee will you say if this is the construction you put on the law, and if so, kindly cite us to the law which makes unexpended appropriations available after the fiscal year has expired for which they were made.

Yours very respectfully,

T. A. DARBY, Chairman.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1897. }

HON. T. A. DARBY,

Chairman, Etc., Senate Chamber:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge your favor of the 26th, in which you state: "In examining the accounts of the Comptroller's office we find that unexpended balances of appropriations have been carried along as credits to the respective accounts," and ask my construction of the law, etc.

In reply I will state that it has always been the custom in the Comptroller's office to carry forward any balances of appropriations made for the payment of the expenses of the State government from one year to another. My predecessor in the Comptroller's office, Judge W. D. Barnes, a jurist of recognized ability, had for nine years during his holding that position pursued that policy, and the system was simply continued as to the few appropriations that had any balances.

In the very nature of things it is impossible to make all payments the year in which they are contracted. Sometimes the Treasurer has in the hands of the clerks of the circuit and county criminal courts, in accordance with the law, large sums of money during the months of November and December to pay jurors and witnesses, and as warrants to cover the same

are only issued upon pay rolls approved by the judge, it frequently happens that such settlements can only be made the following year.

The same is true of bills for the Asylum and Deaf and Dumb Institute. Accounts made one year have to be audited and paid the following year.

No injury can result to the State from the system, which is as old as the Comptroller's office itself, from the fact that the Comptroller can not issue a warrant except upon a just and legal claim against the State, and such claim has to be paid sooner or later.

If, however, the Legislature desires to make a change, it should be so guarded as to authorize all obligations arising during any year to be paid from the appropriation for that year if there is a balance, although not presented or audited until succeeding years. I have the honor to remain,

W. D. BLOXHAM.

EXHIBIT A.

	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
						{ 20,909.98 dropped.
Salaries—Executive Department.....	\$15,714 91	\$16,964 91	\$19,614 88	\$22,489 88	\$25,727 38	3,875 00
Salaries—Judiciary Department.....	12,114 03	13,357 75	13,801 15	13,830 50	15,842 55	9,244 68
Maintenance of Lunatics.....		3,465 10	11 98	*4,443 04	*1,559 20	24,177 19
Jurors and Witnesses.....	27,950 43	36,713 33	35,200 91	50,566 72	72,718 85	69,751 98
Printing—General.....	52 93	2,002 36	5,180 73	15,158 55	20,708 37	25,399 89
Expense Collection of Revenue.....	*2,291 98	*15,167 96	*13,992 56	*22,783 55	*23,203 24	*21,461 38
Supreme Court—Contingent.....	2,056 47	14,027 67	1,114 08	138 66	3 13	*7 46
Stationery—Executive and Legislative Departments	54 65	77 23	70 95	3 24	183 41	*15 31
Circuit Judges on Supreme Bench.....	292 95	266 65	314 40	330 16	1,505 46	2,018 97
State Troops.....	2,333 78	4,566 18	2,605 55	6,264 97	185 27	1,546 02
Rewards	5,047 86	5,652 33	6,394 30	7,194 30	396 15	1,624 05
State—Contingent	1 21	213 50	*23 19	246 49	885 21	593 44
Plats, etc., for Use of County Assessors.	625 55	50 53	90 55	555 53	655 65	775 55
Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute.....	812 79	2,642 00	1,208 11	1,597 43	6,025 18	7,373 13

Contingent Expenses Capitol.....	74 94	4 85	78	*5 24	* 44	
Pensions.....	13,375 84	11,777 07	9,036 11	5,164 08	*5,747 27	*5,834 57
Costs in Civil Cases vs. State.....	67 46	150 49	96 71	85 74	36 88	219 88
Insurance—State Buildings.....	1,166 50	1,502 40	.....	583 00	2,570 50	1,374 50
Printing—Supreme Court Reports....	2,714 96	2,183 76	2,666 81	2,667 41	2,563 91	1,436 66
Librarian—Supreme Court...	208 34	318 84	60 00	85 00	85 00	75 00
Governor's Stenographer.....	150 00	150 00	150 00	50 00	200 00	180 00
Janitor at Capitol.....	83 42	83 42	83 42	83 42	83 42	25 00
Janitor at Supreme Court..	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00
						33 33
						dropped.
Adjutant-General.....	408 33	283 33	283 33	283 33	283 33	250 00
Secretary Supreme Court.....						

* Payments in excess of appropriations.

EXHIBIT B.

	GENERAL REVENUE.				In all Funds Am't Received From Collection of Taxes.	Amount Received From Licenses.	Received From Other Sources.	Total Receipts, all Sources.
	Assessed Val- uation, Real and Perso- nal.	Rate State Levy.	Am't Availa- ble From Real and Personal Property.					
Tax Rolls 1890.....	\$91,983,468.81	41 ³ / ₄	\$413,925.60	\$402,530.36	\$163,619.25	†\$215,129.72	\$781,279.33	
Tax Rolls 1891.....	97,547,004.91	41 ¹ / ₄	414,137.06	381,673.21	161,333.41	39,464.78	582,465.40	
Tax Rolls 1892.....	98,378,014.64	41 ¹ / ₄	414,780.34	416,149.42	168,075.66	34,960.39	619,185.47	
Tax Rolls 1893.....	102,965,406.23	41 ¹ / ₄	418,064.06	458,848.61	172,901.54	60,975.90	692,725.05	
Tax Rolls 1894.....	104,260,629.91	41 ¹ / ₄	437,602.98	426,828.77	186,186.59	68,359.47	681,374.83	
Tax Rolls 1895.....	97,705,056.83	33 ³ / ₄	317,541.41	329,771.98	153,635.16	53,046.65	536,453.79	
Tax Rolls 1896.....	95,389,966.38	21 ¹ / ₂	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

EXHIBIT C.

The loan of 1891 of \$200,000 was taken as follows:

Astor Estate.....	\$150,000 00
Internal Improvement Fund.....	25,000 00
School Fund.....	25,000 00
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	\$200,000 00

Of the Astor loan of \$150,000 the school fund
 purchased in 1893 \$ 50,000 00
 In 1895 100,000 00
 With the original purchase of \$25,000 making \$175,000
 now held by the school fund of this loan.

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT AND LOANS OF THE STATE OF
 FLORIDA 1891, 1893, 1895 AND 1897.

1891—Total outstanding bonds.....	\$1,032,500 00
Loan—Account 1891.....	200,000 00
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	\$1,232,500 00
Held by school, seminary and ag'r college funds\$ 673,500 00	
Held by private parties. 359,000 00—	\$1,032,500 00
Loan.....	200,000 00
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	\$1,232,500 00
1893—Total outstanding bonds.....	\$1,032,500 00
Loan.....	200,000 00
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	\$1,232,500 00
Held by school, seminary and ag'r college funds\$ 674,800 00	
Held by private parties. 357,700 00—	\$1,032,500 00
Loan.....	200,000 00
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	\$1,232,500 00
1895—Total outstanding bonds.....	\$1,032,500 00
Loan.....	200,000 00
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	\$1,232,500 00
Held by school, seminary and ag'r college funds\$ 674,800 00	
Held by private parties. 357,700 00—	\$1,032,500 00
Loan.....	200,000 00
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	\$1,232,500 00

1897—Total outstanding bonds—

7 per cent. bonds 1871..	\$ 267,700 00	
6 per cent. bonds 1873..	764,800 00	—\$1,032,500 00
Loan		200,000 00

\$1,232,500 00

Amount bonds held by school fund.....	\$ 445,100 00	
Amount bonds held by seminary fund.....	94,900 00	
Amount bonds held by ag'r college fund.....	135,800 00	
Amount bonds held by individuals	356,700 00	
Amount loan held by school fund.....	175,000 00	
Amount loan held by I. I. fund.....	25,000 00	—\$1,232,500 00

EXHIBIT D.

FUND.	Balance January 1, 1897.	Annual Appropriations.	Int. rec'd on bonds and loan State.	Receipts from other sources.	Total receipts.	Total Expenditures.	Balance in Fund January 1, 1897.
Common school fund.....	\$19,747.28						
Interest Consolidated Florida 6 % bond No. 3.....			\$17,316.00				
Interest Consolidated Florida 7 % bond No. 4.....			5,551.00				
Interest Florida 7 % bond.....			5,257.00				
Interest Florida 6 % bond.....			126.00				
Interest N. Carolina 4 % bond.....			240.00				
Int. Fla. 5 % annual note.....			1,250.00				
Int. Fla. 5 % semi-annual note.....			7,500.00				
Int. Ala. "B" 5 % bonds.....			1,500.00				
Land sales.....				\$6,279.44			
Estreated estates.....				836.57			
Stumpage.....				96.36			
Totals.....	\$19,747.28		\$38,740.00	\$7,212.37	\$65,699.65	\$38,686.27	\$27,013.38

Seminary fund.....	\$1,575.68	\$4,000.00					
Int. Con. Fla. 6 % bond No. 1.....			\$4,596.00				
Int. Con. Fla. 7 % bond No. 2.....			1,008.00				
Int. Fla. 7 % bond.....			203.00				
Land sales.....				\$500.95			
Stumpage.....				68.08			
Totals.....	\$1,575.68	\$4,000.00	\$5,807.00	\$569.03	\$11,951.71	\$11,382.95	\$568.76
Agricultural College fund.....	1.00	5,000.00					
Int. Con. Fla. 6 % bond No. 5.....			7,914.00				
Int. Con. Fla. 7 % bond No. 6.....			273.00				
Int. N. C. 6 % bond.....			600.00				
Int. N. C. 4 % bond.....			320.00				
Totals.....	\$1.00	\$5,000.00	\$9,107.00		\$14,108.00	\$14,092.03	\$15.97
Common school mill tax.....	15,798 50			\$93,636.97	109,435.47	88,955.27	20,480.20
Totals for year 1896.....	\$37,122.46	\$9,000.00	\$53,654.00	\$101,418.37	\$201,194.83	\$153,116.52	\$48,078.31

EXHIBIT E.

AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR SUPREME AND CIRCUIT COURTS IN
1896.

Salaries.....	\$39,995 85
Janitor Supreme Court.....	300 00
Jurors and witnesses.....	59,483 77
Contingent Supreme Court.....	1,343 42
Librarian Supreme Court.....	300 00
Secretary Supreme Court.....	1,500 00
Clerk Fifth Circuit.....	600 00
Circuit Judges on Supreme Bench.....	53 50
Books for Supreme Court Library.....	729 85
Printing Reports Supreme Court.....	1,635 88
Per diem Clerk Supreme Court.....	939 00
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	\$106,881 27

EXHIBIT F.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
STATE OF FLORIDA,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

Mr. A. M. Hyer, ex-Tax Collector, Orange county, in account with the State of Florida:

1883.

August 13—To receipt to M. R. Marks, taxes 1882	\$595 15
September 10—To license report for July, 1883...	223 65
September 17—To license report for August, 1883	190 39
October 5—To assessment roll for 1883.....	18,032 65
November 9—To license report for September, 1883	56 74
1884.	
January 22—To license report for December, 1883	437 52
February 26—To license report for January, 1884	347 50
March 10—To license report for February, 1884..	310 81
April 7—To license report for March, 1884.....	799 17
May 3—To license report for October and November, 1883.....	1,942 99
May 5—To license report for April, 1884.....	235 00
September 26—To license report for July and August, 1884.....	423 89
October 10—To assessment roll 1884.....	18,355 28

October 10—To license report for September, 1884	84
November 5—To license report for October, 1884.	3,655 00
1885.	
January 7—To license report for November and December, 1884.....	778 39
February 3—To license report for January, 1885.	229 76
May 8—To license report for additional, January, 1885.....	10 00
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	\$46,624 73

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1884.	
July 23—By taxes on land sold to State April 7, 1884.....	729 79
October 31—By Treasurer's receipt No. 539.....	11,891 60
1885.	
April 20—By Treasurer's receipt No. 243.....	5,000 00
April 28—By Treasurer's receipt No. 255.....	1,668 65
August 6—By receipts of F. T. Hardeman.....	9,141 95
1886.	
June 11—By Treasurer's receipt No. 636.....	1,437 66
August 3—By receipts of C. W. JACOBS, County Treasurer.....	2,464 25
September 9—By Treasurer's receipt No. 903.....	1,000 00
1887.	
January 5—By Treasurer's receipt No. 22.....	3,000 00
February 10—By Treasurer's receipt No. 182.....	750 00
February 17—By Treasurer's receipt No. 211.....	2,500 00
March 15—By Treasurer's receipt No. 326.....	2,450 00
May 6—By Treasurer's receipt No. 562.....	1,237 50
October 4—By Treasurer's receipt No. 1418.....	552 50
1889.	
May 1—By Treasurer's receipt No. 995.....	500 00
July 17—By allowances by County Commissioners for errors, etc.....	304 19
July 17—By balance.....	1,996 64
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	\$46,624 73
1897.	
May 25—To balance due the State.....	\$1,996 64
Amount due August 6, 1885.....	\$18,192 74
Interest on \$18,192.74 for 11 years 4 months 25 days.....	12,446 86
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Total to January 1, 1897.....	\$30,639 60

PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.	
\$1,437 66	\$910 52	
2,464 25	1,539 32	
1,000 00	618 66	
3,000 00	1,798 00	
750 00	445 12	
2,500 00	1,480 83	
2,450 00	1,439 77	
1,237 50	716 66	
552 50	306 85	
500 00	230 00	
304 19	136 06	
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\$16,194 10	\$9,621 79	\$25,815 89
Balance due, with interest figured to January 1, 1897.....		\$4,823 71

ORLANDO, FLA., May 29, 1897.

HON. T. A. DARBY, Chairman,

Tallahassee, Fla.:

SIR—Replying further to your telegram of this date, I beg leave to state that A. M. Hyer was a defaulter to the State of Florida in February, 1885, and the matter was placed in my hands, as State Attorney, by the Comptroller in September, 1885.

There was due from Hyer, as collector of revenue, to the State and county of Orange combined, between thirty-two and thirty-five thousand dollars; his bond was for twenty thousand dollars; the amount due the State was approximately fifteen thousand dollars; I think something over it. The Hon. W. D. Barnes was then Comptroller, and when the account was placed in my hands it was by and with his consent and the concurrence of the bondsmen that we accepted a deed of trust to a considerable amount of property, nearly all of which has been converted into cash and paid to the State and county, leaving the balance due on the 20th of July, 1889, \$1,996.64. Nothing has been paid since then. There are two pieces of real estate, one in Polk county and one lot in Orlando, neither of which can be sold for any appreciable amount.

In July, 1889, having exhausted the property, suit was instituted against Mr. Hyer and his bondsmen to recover the \$1,996.64. I have been endeavoring to get a trial of this case ever since the institution of the suit, and Mr. Foster, on the

other side, has repeatedly promised to have the cause disclosed of.

There is a very important question which arises in the suit, to-wit: Hyer was an ad interim appointee under Governor Bloxham in 1883, and his term of office was to expire under the old Constitution, and his commission upon the appointment by the Governor and confirmation by the Senate of his successor. Hardeman, his successor, was confirmed by the Senate, I think, on the 11th day of January, 1885, but was not commissioned until some time in March. From the 11th of January until about the 4th or 5th of February Hyer continued to collect taxes, and collected quite a large sum after Hardeman's confirmation. When the suit was instituted Hyer's bondsmen pleaded that they were not liable because of the fact that the collection was made after Hyer had gone out of office, and the investigation of that matter has caused this delay. This is a very serious question, and the defense have been seeking to establish it from the records.

As stated before the bond was for \$20,000. When the defalcation occurred a large portion of the bond was then insolvent. When the suit was instituted a larger portion was insolvent, and today there are very few on the bond who could be realized against.

I am not prepared to state how far the defense will be able to establish their plea, or how far, if they did establish it, it would be allowed by law. Of course these are questions that the court alone could decide. The matter is in the hands of the referee, and has been for some time. If we obtain a judgment for the amount, looking over the list of bondsmen, it is possible we could recover the money. Had we not accepted the trust deed for the property, but have instituted suit, I am satisfied the State and county would have lost one-half of the defalcation, if not more. This trust deed was accepted by and with the consent of the Governor, the Comptroller and the board of county commissioners and the bondsmen of Mr. Hyer.

In regard to the criminal prosecution, at the first term of the circuit court after the defalcation Mr. Hyer was indicted. This was at the Fall term, 1885, which term lasted until the first of March, 1886. Having been largely connected with the civil matter, and it being a case of importance, I consulted with Governor Perry about assistant counsel, and he advised me to see if I could get such counsel in Orange county, and if I did not, he would get the Attorney-General to aid in the trial of the case. The Spring term, 1886, Judge Mitchell held in this county, the main purpose being to enable us to

try a murder case. Mr. Hyer, supposing the murder case was coming up, which would require a considerable time, told me he would be gone for some days, but would be back on a certain day. The court changed the venue in the murder case and adjourned before Mr. Hyer returned. The Fall term of Volusia county court, 1886, the Newton murder case, the venue of which had been changed from this county to Volusia, was tried in Volusia, and the Attorney-General came to Volusia county and aided in the prosecution and was there several weeks. When the Fall term of Orange county court came on I wrote the Attorney-General if he would be down to aid in the trial, and he stated he could not be down at that term and the case, unless objected to by the defense, might go over to the Spring term, 1887. The case was then continued to the Spring term, 1887.

During the session of the Legislature in 1887 a criminal court of record was established in this county, and it acquired jurisdiction over criminal cases. This law went into effect before the Hyer case could be tried at the Spring term, 1887. The case, with others, then went to the criminal court, and the county solicitor, after investigating the matter, came to the conclusion that Hyer could not be tried on the original indictment of the grand jury by that court, but would have to be tried on information filed by him, and that two years having elapsed, to-wit: from February, 1885, to some time about July, 1887 (the time when the court was organized by the appointment of officers), the county solicitor entered a nolle prosequi in the case.

Yours very respectfully,
 J. D. BEGGS,
 State Attorney.

EXHIBIT G.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
 STATE OF FLORIDA,
 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 31, 1897.

Mr. R. D. Kirk, ex-Tax Collector, Hernando county, in account with the State of Florida:

1892.		
Oct. 11-	To assessment roll	\$6,208.91
	“ balance from account 1891	87.79
		—
		\$6,296.70

CREDIT.

1892.		
Dec. 12—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 1780	\$66.57
1893.		
Jan. 19—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 127.	325.00
Feb. 7—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 259.	313.50
Feb. 10—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 322.	12.49
Mch. 6—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 468.	743.25
Mch 10—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 501.	147.00
Ap'l 12—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 646.	1,535.25
May 17—	By lands certified.....	499.51
May 23—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 827.	77.68
J'ne 21—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 1187	1,000.00
Dec. 6—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 1876	242.00
1894.		
Jan. 18—	By insolvency, etc.....	53.50
Jan. 18—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 149.	140.62
Feb. 13—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 348.	362.59
1895.		
Feb. 1—	By Treasurer's receipt No. 251.	200.84—\$5,719.80
	Balance due State.....	\$576.90

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
STATE OF FLORIDA,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 31, 1897. }

Mr. R. D. Kirk, ex-Tax Collector Hernando county, in account with the State of Florida:

1893.

Oct.	5—	To assessment roll.....	\$6,897.92
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CREDIT.

Dec.	15—	By Treasurer's receipt 1,943.	\$ 109 03
1894.			
Jan.	29—	“ “	207. 174 53
Feb.	16—	“ “	367. 316 76
March	17—	“ “	511. 635 00
April	2—	“ “	552. 1,649 64
April	23—	“ “	681. 1,120 00
May	18—	By land sale May 7, 1894...	338 21
June	6—	By Treasurer's receipt	856. 77 68
June	8—	“ “	925. 12 49
Sept.	12—	“ “	1,360. 362 60

Nov. 7--By errors and double assessments	92 75	
Nov. 8--By Treasurer's receipt 1,637 .	242 00	
1895.		
Feb. 1--By insolvencies, etc	186 90	\$5,317.59
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Balance due State		\$1,580 33

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
STATE OF FLORIDA,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 31, 1897. }

Mr. R. D. Kirk, ex-Tax Collector Hernando county, in account with the State of Florida:

1894.		
Oct. 4--To assessment roll		\$7,057.15

CREDIT.

1895.		
Jan. 21--By Treasurer's receipt 195 ..	\$227.50	
Feb. 13--By Treasurer's receipt 364 ..	309.30	
March 9--By Treasurer's receipt 478 ..	522.00	
April 1--By Treasurer's receipt 550 ..	1,000.00	
April 9--By Treasurer's receipt 620 ..	922.38	
May 9--By Treasurer's receipt 768 ..	771.26	
July 20--By Treasurer's receipt 1262 ..	77.97	
Aug. 6--By Treasurer's receipt 1312 ..	7.37	
Sept. 5--By Treasurer's receipt 1456 ..	368.20	
Oct. 19--By Treasurer's receipt 1709 ..	288.12	
Nov. 11--By Treasurer's receipt 1796 ..	395.61	
Nov. 13--By Treasurer's receipt 1818 ..	242.80	
Nov. 14--By land sale Nov. 4, 1895 ..	658.73	
Dec. 14--By Treasurer's receipt 1964 ..	217.03	
1896.		
Feb. 28--By Treasurer's receipt 360 ..	348.73	
March 2--By Treasurer's receipt 383 ..	81.54	
March 2--By reduction on F. S. railroad	27.58	\$6,466.12
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Balance due State		\$591.03

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
STATE OF FLORIDA,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 31, 1897. }

Mr. R. D. Kirk, ex-Tax Collector Hernando county, in account with the State of Florida:

1889.

Nov. 16—To license reported Oct. 31, '89 \$512.66

Dec. 4—To license reported Nov. 30, '89 833.75

1890.

Oct. 9—To license reported Sept. 30, '90 79.58

Nov. 24—To license reported Oct. 31, '90. 969.00

1891.

Jan. 8—To license reported Dec. 31, '90 102.48

June 29—To license reported Apr. 30, '91 251.83

Dec. 10—To license reported Nov. 30, '91 234.00

1892.

Mch. 26—To license reported Dec. 31, '91 7.75

Oct. 4—To license reported Jan. 31, '92 14.17

Oct. 4—To license reported Sept. 30, '92 28.06

Dec. 24—To license reported Dec. 31, '92 137.00

1893.

Mch. 6—To license reported Feb. 28, '93 62.25

May 11—To license reported Apr. 30, '93 506.17

July 13—To license reported June 30, '93 5.75

Sept. 13—To license reported Aug. 31, '93 10.00

Nov. 6—To license reported Sept. 30, '93 10.50

Nov. 6—To license reported Oct. 31, '93. 47.00

1894.

Jan. 4—To license reported Nov. 30, '93 67.58

Jan. 29—To license reported Dec. 31, '93 73.00

Mch. 8—To license reported Feb. 28, '94 6.67

Mch. 8—To license reported Jan. 31, '94 666.09

April 5—To license reported Mch. 31, '94 13.67

May 10—To license reported Apr. 30, '94 5.00

June 6—To license reported May 31, '94. 1.25

July 5—To license reported June 30, '94 6.00

Sept. 4—To license reported Aug. 31, '94 1.75

Oct. 4—To license reported Sept. 30, '94 85

Nov. 10—To license reported Oct. 31, '94. 28.00

Dec. 7—To license reported Nov. 30, '94 93.00

1895.

Jan. 10—To license reported Dec. 31, '94 3.00

Mch. 6—To license reported Jan. 31, '95 693.27

Mch. 6—To license reported Feb. 28, '95 500.00

April 4—To license reported Mch. 31, '95 2.00

June 5—To license reported May 31, '95. 1.25

July 3—To license reported June 30, '95 2.00

Aug. 7—To license reported July 31, '95 2.50

Nov. 6—To license reported Oct. 31, '95. 6.00

Dec. 4—To license reported Nov. 30, '95 68.00—\$6,052 83

CREDIT.

1889.		
Nov. 18—By Treasurer's receipt 1,989.	\$	369 66
Dec. 3—By Treasurer's receipt 2,028.		379 66
Dec. 7—By Treasurer's receipt 2,050.		93 18
1890.		
Sept. 27—By amount erroneously reported		366 66
Oct. 24—By balance from account of 1888		143 00
Oct. 13—By Treasurer's receipt 1,088.		600 00
Nov. 12—By Treasurer's receipt 1,196.		369 00
1891.		
Jan. 15—By Treasurer's receipt 186.		92 50
April 20—By Treasurer's receipt 881.		251 83
Oct. 23—By Treasurer's receipt 1,674.		162 00
Dec. 14—By Treasurer's receipt 1,880.		69 75
1892.		
April 11—By Treasurer's receipt 458.		23 67
Dec. 12—By Treasurer's receipt 1,780.		137 00
1893.		
March 6—By Treasurer's receipt 468.		62 25
April 12—By Treasurer's receipt 646.		483 92
Nov. 17—By Treasurer's receipt 1,782.		47 00
1894.		
Jan. 8—By Treasurer's receipt 76.		67 58
Jan. 29—By Treasurer's receipt 207.		73 00
March 8—By Treasurer's receipt 463.		666 09
March 8—By Treasurer's receipt 464.		6 67
1895.		
Jan. 21—By Treasurer's receipt 195.		146 00
March 4—By Treasurer's receipt 437.		500 00
Dec. 14—By Treasurer's receipt 1,965.		68 00—\$5,178.42
Balance due State		\$874 41

RECAPITULATION.

Balance due State on 1892.....	\$	576 90
Balance due State on 1893.....		1,580 33
Balance due State on 1894.....		591 03—2,748 26
		<u>\$3,622 67</u>

He will be entitled to commissions amounting to \$1,567.85 on final settlement.

The assessment roll of 1894 was turned over to John C.

Law, his successor, and no receipt has been filed showing the amount of uncollected taxes of 1894 at the time Mr. Kirk went out of office.

EXHIBIT H.

AMOUNT OF PAY ROLLS FOR EMPLOYEES OF STATE ASYLUM FOR INSANE AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF SUPERINTENDENT FOR 1895 AND 1896.

1895.

Jan.	11—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 183 . . .	\$1,091 00
Feb.	13—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 387 . . .	1,124 00
Feb.	11—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 552 . . .	1,094 00
Feb.	13—J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 570 . . .	58 10
April	10—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 814 . . .	1,152 80
April	11—John W. Trammell, voucher No. 827 . . .	65 91
May	13—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 1109 . . .	1,172 00
May	13—J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 1110 . . .	99 50
June	4—J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 1236 . . .	110 16
June	8—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 1307 . . .	1,164 00
July	2—John W. Trammell, voucher No. 1487 . . .	75 29
July	13—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 1580 . . .	1,106 20
Aug.	7—J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 1678 . . .	9 76
Aug.	12—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 1714 . . .	1,125 00
Sept.	9—J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 1836 . . .	36 95
Sept.	17—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 1874 . . .	1,168 00
Oct.	5—J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 2023 . . .	66 58
Oct.	14—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 2103 . . .	1,138 00
Nov.	2—J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 2201 . . .	117 71
Nov.	9—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 2273 . . .	1,185 16
Dec.	6—J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 2533 . . .	79 59
Dec.	7—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 2537 . . .	1,159 00
		\$14,398 00

Vouchers Nos. 1487, 1836, 2201 and 2533 are merely abstract reports of superintendent covering his incidental expenses during the months for which they were issued, no receipts being attached. Vouchers Nos. 570, 827, 1110 and 1236 are all more or less incomplete, some bills caused by vouchers not being itemized and others not receipted.

1896.

Amount forward		\$14,398 65
Jan.	4—J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 75	157 24
Jan.	14—C. B. Collins, voucher No. 226	1,161 00

Feb. 3—	J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 366.....	51 59
Feb. 8—	C. B. Collins, voucher No. 437.....	1,145 00
Mch. 5—	J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 623.....	77 06
Mch. 7—	C. B. Collins, voucher, No. 635.....	1,231 00
Apr'l 3—	J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 811.....	182 09
Apr'l 11—	C. B. Collins, voucher No. 959.....	1,463 95
May 4—	J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 1072....	179 56
May 11—	C. B. Collins, voucher No. 1114.....	1,188 00
June 6—	J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 1297....	321 29
June 17—	C. B. Collins, voucher No. 1331.....	1,208 00
July 9—	J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 1527....	145 32
July 11—	C. B. Collins, voucher No. 1544.....	1,245 12
Aug. 8—	J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 1678....	98 60
Aug. 10—	J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 1703....	36 80
Aug. 12—	C. B. Collins, voucher No. 1717.....	1,248 00
Sept. 12—	C. B. Collins, voucher No. 1872.....	1,257 67
Sept. 7—	J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 1844....	152 08
Oct. 12—	J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 2049....	73 14
Oct. 12—	C. B. Collins, voucher No. 2062.....	1,331 50
Nov. 9—	J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 2265....	159 35
Nov. 13—	C. B. Collins, voucher No. 2331.....	1,286 50
Dec. 14—	C. B. Collins, voucher No. 2472.....	1,304 90
Dec. 12—	J. W. Trammell, voucher No. 2463....	156 09

\$31,259 50

Vouchers Nos. 75, 366, 623, 811, 1072, 1297, 1527, 1678 and 2049 are merely abstracts of superintendent's incidental expenses during the months for which vouchers were drawn to cover the receipt being attached.

Vouchers Nos. 1844 and 2463 are more or less incomplete, some bills accompanying abstract not itemized and others not received.

STATE ASYLUM FOR INSANE.

All claims against the State Asylum for Insane for which vouchers are issued are first certified as correct by the superintendent, then sent to the Board of State Institutions for audit and are ordered paid by the secretary of the board, on the authorization of the board.

The examination of these claims appears in some instances to have been carelessly made.

In bill of M. Farsheimer & Co. of Mobile, for groceries, paid by voucher No. 1532 of July 9, 1896, an error in addition of \$100 is apparently overlooked.

The pay rolls on which warrants are issued, account employes of asylum, are copies, no original signatures being attached.

EXHIBIT J.

VOUCHERS PAID FOR GENERAL RUNNING EXPENSES OF BLIND
AND DEAF INSTITUTE 1895 AND 1896.

Date.	Paid to.	Vouch- er No.	Am't. Paid.	Should Be.	Error Against State.
1895.					
Jan. 10	H. N. Felkel	168	\$ 932 37	932 37	.....
Feb. 6	H. N. Felkel	355	900 65	900 65	.....
Mch. 13	H. N. Felkel	558	911 57	911 57	.....
April 12	H. N. Felkel	850	859 66	859 66	.....
May 18	H. N. Felkel	1141	921 60	921 60	.....
May 29	H. N. Felkel	1172	466 00	466 00	.....
June 10	H. N. Felkel	1339	452 87	452 87	.....
Aug. 2	H. N. Felkel	1651	234 83	234 83	.....
Aug. 26	H. N. Felkel	1767	170 28	170 28	.....
Sept. 7	H. N. Felkel	1828	192 65	192 65	.....
Oct. 5	H. N. Felkel	2018	219 47	219 47	.....
Oct. 5	H. N. Felkel	2019	102 30	102 30	.....
Oct. 9	H. N. Felkel	2061	249 32	249 32	.....
Nov. 11	H. N. Felkel	2288	979 59	979 59	.....
Dec. 10	H. N. Felkel	2555	884 39	884 39	.....
1896.					
Jan. 10	H. N. Felkel	197	935 83	935 83	.....
Feb. 13	H. N. Felkel	486	41 47	41 47	.....
Feb. 13	H. N. Felkel	487	942 02	942 02	.....
Mch. 11	H. N. Felkel	658	928 94	928 94	.....
April 9	H. N. Felkel	940	909 39	909 39	.....
May 11	H. N. Felkel	1122	953 16	953 16	.....
May 28	H. N. Felkel	1224	685 40	685 40	.....
June 23	N. N. Felkel	1350	395 73	395 73	.....
July 8	H. N. Felkel	1515	250 26	250 26	.....
Aug. 13	H. N. Felkel	1727	283 22	283 22	.....
Oct. 10	H. N. Felkel	2042	772 48	768 48	\$ 4 00
Nov. 12	H. N. Felkel	2322	969 49	969 49	.....
Dec. 16	H. N. Felkel	2476	869 44	868 44	1 00
			\$17,414 38	\$17,409 38	\$5 00

Five dollars errors in addition and transcription.

The claims against Deaf and Blind Institute are audited by the secretary and ordered paid by the board of managers. The bills accompanying monthly statement of principal are in a great number of instances copies of originals.

EXHIB-

LIST OF ERRORS FOR AND AGAINST THE STATE IN THE CLERK'S

Date.	Name of Clerk.	County.	Term.
Jan. 5, 1895.	S. F. Hanford.....	Clay	Fall 1894
April 6, 1895.	D. A. Miller.....	Marion	Spring 1895
April 13, 1895.	J. D. Chalker.....	Baker	Spring 1895
April 18, 1895.	H. H. Henley.....	Pasco	Spring 1895
May 6, 1895.	W. H. Johnson....	Polk	Spring 1895
June 1, 1895.	C. Wright.....	Hillsboro	Spring 1895
Sept. 25, 1895.	S. F. Hanford.....	Clay	Spring 1895
Oct. 21, 1895.	W. T. Weeks.....	Bradford	Fall 1895
Dec. 2, 1895.	H. F. Wyatt.....	Manatee	Fall 1895
Dec. 6, 1895.	A. O. Wright.....	Duval	Crim Oct. '95
Feb. 15, 1896.	S. Y. Wag.....	Orange	Crim Jan. '96
Mch. 27, 1896.	W. T. Weeks.....	Bradford	Spring 1896
May 6, 1896.	S. F. Hanford.....	Clay	Fall 1895
May 6, 1896.	P. M. Colson.....	Levy	Spring 1896
July 6, 1896.	N. A. Hull.....	Duval	Spring 1896
Oct. 2, 1896.	W. H. Johnson....	Polk	Spring 1896
Oct. 13, 1896.	H. H. Henley.....	Pasco	Fall 1896
Nov. 9, 1896.	Jno M. Caldwell...	Hamilton	Fall 1896
Nov. 14, 1896.	D. A. Miller.....	Marion	Fall 1896
Nov. 30, 1896.	W. H. Johnson....	Polk	Fall 1896
Dec. 30, 1896.	M. M. Scarborough.	Columbia	Fall 1896

The amounts claimed paid by clerks of various counties which jurors and witnesses were summoned. Mistakes are of

IT K.

REPORTS OF JURORS AND WITNESSES' FEES FOR 1895 AND 1896.

Voucher No.	Am't Paid.	Should Be	Difference.	Errors favor State.	Errors against State.
116	\$ 497 20	\$ 490 95	\$ 6 25	.....	\$ 6 25
781	505 15	502 05	3 10	.....	3 10
855	154 50	153 25	1 25	.....	1 25
879	339 00	338 00	1 00	.....	1 00
1022	751 60	750 60	1 00	.....	1 00
1197	372 05	368 05	4 00	.....	4 00
1895	344 65	342 65	2 00	.....	2 00
2134	558 60	557 20	1 40	.....	1 40
2445	379 80	419 80	40 00	\$40 00	.....
2528	228 70	224 35	4 35	.....	4 35
492	212 40	192 40	20 00	.....	20 00
723	347 65	345 15	2 50	.....	2 50
854	210 10	211 10	1 00	1 00	.....
1128	332 75	334 75	2 00	2 00	.....
1472	1,577 85	1,588 90	11 05	11 05	.....
2046	417 60	417 10	50	.....	50
2063	367 30	365 80	1 50	.....	1 50
2262	865 50	871 50	6 00	6 00	.....
2335	1,198 70	1,200 70	2 00	2 00	.....
2410	651 85	651 25	60	.....	60
2456	424 35	423 70	65	.....	65
	\$10,737 30	\$10,749 25	\$ 112 15	\$62 05	\$ 50 10

as above are all certified by clerks and judges of courts before calculation and addition.

EXHIBIT K--

LIST OF ERRORS AGAINST STATE OF FLORIDA IN REPORTS OF
NESSES FOR 1895

Date.	Name of Clerk.	County.	Term.
Jan. 7, 1895.	W. C. Zimmerman..	Citrus	Co Jan 1895
April 6, 1895.	W. C. Zimmerman..	Citrus	Co Apr 1895
June 15, 1895.	W. C. Zimmerman..	Citrus	Cir Spr'g '95
July 11, 1895.	W. C. Zimmerman..	Citrus	Co July 1895
Sept. 11, 1895.	W. C. Zimmerman..	Citrus	Co Oct 1895
Jan. 13, 1896.	W. C. Zimmerman..	Citrus	Cir Fall 1895
Jan. 13, 1896.	W. C. Zimmerman..	Citrus	Co Jan 1896
April 10, 1896.	W. C. Zimmerman..	Citrus	Co Apr 1896
June 15, 1896.	W. C. Zimmerman..	Citrus	Cir Spr'g '96
July 23, 1896.	W. C. Zimmerman..	Citrus	Co July 1896
Oct. 30, 1896.	W. C. Zimmerman..	Citrus	Co Oct 1896

The amounts claimed paid by clerk of Citrus county as court before which jurors and witnesses were summoned

CONTINUED.

CLERK OF CITRUS COUNTY OF AMOUNTS PAID JURORS AND WIT-
AND 1896.

Voucher No.	Am't Paid.	Should Be	Difference.	Errors favor State.	Errors against State.
127	\$ 284 00	\$ 284 00	.....	.....	.....
782	64 80	56 40	\$ 8 40	.....	\$ 8 40
1352	222 00	222 00	.....	.....	.....
1564	111 95	111 85	10	.....	10
2076	54 85	53 05	1 80	.....	1 80
211	317 60	288 95	28 65	.....	28 65
212	52 00	43 60	8 40	.....	8 40
942	55 30	45 65	9 65	.....	9 65
1223	330 60	280 45	50 15	.....	50 15
1608	39 60	28 80	10 80	.....	10 80
2178	92 30	84 15	8 15	.....	8 15
	\$ 1,625 00	\$ 1,498 90	\$ 126 10	.....	\$126 10

above are all certified as correct by himself and the judges of
Mistakes are those of calculation and addition.

EXHIBIT L.

REDEMPTIONS OF TAX CERTIFICATES.

		Deposits.	Report.
1893	First Nat...\$79,627.64	\$ 25,519.22	\$ 25,520.93
March 31	Period, less Triay 31,148.35		
	\$48,479.29		
June 30.	Per'd, less rc'd ck 1,556.61	21,403.46	21,470.89
	\$46,922.68	191.74	
Sept. 30.	Period.....	19,008.30	19,001.66
Dec. 31..	Period.....	14,436.41	14,482.56
1894			
March 31	Period.....	27,984.53	28,023.75
June 30.	Period.....	34,345.12	34,347.59
Sept. 30.	Period.....	27,582.69	27,581.97
Dec. 31.	Period.....	10,140.73	10,140.73
1895			
March 31	Period.....	14,715.53	14,777.70
June 30.	Period.....	37,756.40	37,787.18
Sept. 30.	Period.....	13,331.32	13,839.99
Dec. 31..	Period.....	16,603.38	16,580.98
1896			
March 31	Period.....	14,149.06	14,145.33
June 30.	Period.....	26,905.87	26,906.05
Sept. 30.	Period.....	19,290.16	19,271.36
Dec. 31..	Period.....	11,305.50	11,306.29
		\$335,169.42	\$335,184.94

EXHIBIT M.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
STATE OF FLORIDA,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1897. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—The clerks of this committee found several errors in the abstract of warrants issued No. 4, of 1897, at pages 297, 305, 497, 507 and other pages.

In the clerks' absence alterations and erasures were made in the book which were calculated to put this committee in an awkward position had they not discovered these alterations and erasures.

I am satisfied this was done unknown to you.

To prevent a recurrence of this tampering will you kindly put for the exclusive use of this committee the room in the northeast corner of the basement or some other room until they have finished their labors.

Yours respectfully,

T. A. DARBY,

Chairman Committee on Examination of Comptroller's and Treasurer's offices.

ERRORS, ETC., FOUND ON ABSTRACT OF WARRANTS ISSUED NO. 4.

Folio 9—Errors in subtraction	\$ 20,219 50
Less	952 82

Book shows	\$ 19,256 68
Should show	19,266 68

Error	\$ 10 00
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Folio 166—Error in addition	8,091 50
	4,481 30

Book shows	\$ 12,172 80
Should show	12,572 80

Error	\$ 400 00
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Folio 228—Error in subtraction.....	5,546 02
	217 92
Book shows.....\$	5,228 10
Should show.....	5,328 10
Error.....\$	100 00

Folio 297—Appropriation of April 25, 1895.....	15,000 00
Not entered up till May 25, 1897.	

Folio 496—Forwarded to Folio 497, as.....	24,227 94
Should have been.....	25,227 95
Error.....\$	1,000 00

Folios 305 to 325—Errors, alterations and erasures.

Ordered spread on the Journal.

By permission—

Mr. Carson, the minority on the part of the committee to examine the books and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, submitted the following minority report, which was read and ordered spread upon the Journal:

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I, a minority of your committee appointed under a concurrent resolution to examine the books and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, beg to submit the following report, because my impressions and conclusions as to methods and system of the offices differ somewhat from those held by the majority:

On account of the limited time at the disposal of your committee, and the large number of accounts and vouchers to be examined, we were unable to make as complete a report as we desired.

We have endeavored to make tabulated statements of such

work as we have been able to complete, so as to enable the Legislature to see at a glance the condition of each account, and herewith submit exhibits, to which more particular attention is directed hereafter.

A.

"Exhibit A" shows the appropriations and expenditures of the Legislature of 1895, and also the balance brought forward from previous legislative appropriations, which amount to \$154,680.94. These unexpended balances are available to the respective appropriations if the interpretation of the law is as per Governor Bloxham's letter, attached. We see no evidence that section 131, Revised Statutes, with reference to transferring at the end of every fiscal year all unexpended balances of appropriations made for such fiscal year to account of "surplus funds," has been complied with by the Treasurer. In the opinion of your committee it would be well to authorize the officers to cover all unexpended balances, as above referred to, into the general revenue fund at close of each fiscal year.

A $\frac{1}{2}$.

"Exhibit A $\frac{1}{2}$ " will show, from 1891 to 1896, inclusive, how these unexpended balances have increased from year to year.

B.

"Exhibit B" shows the assessed value of personal and real property from 1890 to 1896, the income, expenditures, cost of collecting the same and balance on hand.

In 1895-6 the assessed value was \$97,705,056.83. The rate of taxes levied by the State was 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ mills for general revenue. The total amount levied for general revenue was \$317,541.41.

The total received from taxes on account general

revenue, schools and other funds	.....	\$329,771.98
Amount received from licenses	.....	153,635.16
Amount received from all other sources	.....	53,046.65

Total income..... \$536,453.79

This exhibit will also show that the balance over expenditures on December 31, 1890, was \$16,543.91, whereas on December 31, 1895, the income and balances of the State over expenditures was \$242,857.91. This amount, together with prospective income and fixed expenditures for next several months, did not warrant the payment of the Astor loan.

C.

"Exhibit C" shows a statement of the bonded indebtedness and other indebtedness of the State, including the \$200,000 borrowed in 1891, which \$200,000 has been paid by borrowing \$175,000 from school fund and \$25,000 from internal improvement fund.

D.

"Exhibit D" shows the income and expenditures of the educational fund, as follows:

Jan. 1, 1896—Balance in fund.....	\$37,122.46
Receipts from all sources.....	164,072.37
	\$201,194.83
Expenditures	153,116.52
	\$48,078.31
Leaving a balance of.....	\$48,078.31

E.

"Exhibit E" shows that the total expense of the courts and judicial departments of the State is \$106,981.27 for the year 1896.

F.

"Exhibit F" shows that A. M. Hyer, ex-tax collector of Orange county, was a defaulter to the State August 6, 1885, for \$18,192.74. He has reduced that indebtedness, and now owes the State \$1,996.64, not including interest. The matter is now in the hands of J. D. Beggs, State's Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, for collection. See letter attached explaining present status.

G.

"Exhibit G" shows that R. D. Kirk, ex-tax collector of Hernando county, is also a defaulter to the State in the sum of \$3,622.67, from which there is claimed a commission due him of \$1,567.85, which still leaves him indebted to the State, and a portion of this default has existed since 1892. I am informed that steps are now being taken by the Comptroller looking to the collection of this amount.

H.

"Exhibit H" has reference to transactions with the State Asylum for the Insane, and shows that bills are paid by the Comptroller only on vouchers approved by the Board of State Institutions. Vouchers to cover pay rolls to the amount of

\$31,259.50 have been issued. While the Comptroller holds vouchers from Board of State Institutions for the several amounts, it has been the custom to leave the original receipted pay roll with the superintendent of the asylum. Your committee believe it would be wise to have these pay rolls signed in duplicate, one copy to be retained by the superintendent and the other filed with the Comptroller.

J.

"Exhibit J" refers to the Deaf and Dumb Institute. Your committee found two errors in small amounts, viz., one for \$4 and one for \$1, in auditing the accounts with this institution. Your committee would make the same suggestion with reference to pay rolls as was made with reference to the State Asylum for the Insane.

K.

"Exhibit K" refers to the reports of clerks of the courts of the respective counties and shows what appears to be errors both for and against the State. While the Comptroller has paid the amount certified to by clerks and approved by judges, it occurs to me these accounts should be carefully audited by the Comptroller as to mileage and per diem, and if wrong should be corrected before payment.

L.

"Exhibit L" refers to the redemption for taxes. An exhaustive examination has been made in the office handling the redemption of lands sold for taxes. Receipts from January 1, 1893, to January 1, 1897, covering a period of four years, amount to \$335,184.94, showing a difference of \$15.52 between the calculations of different officers keeping the accounts that check the one against the other.

M.

As a rule we found the books of the Comptroller's office kept neatly and accurately. In some instances, however, there were clerical errors. Particularly is this true in the book designated, "Abstract of Warrants Issued, No. 4."

"Exhibit M" shows the discrepancies found in this book. I also found the warrant register had not been fully posted up to date, owing to press of duties on the clerical force of the office.

My conclusions with reference to the matter are that the system adopted in the office is one that is consistent with good

business, and that, with the exception of the errors to which attention is herein called, the books are in good condition. With the adoption of the few suggestions herein made, in my opinion, there can be no ground for question.

Because of the limited time at the disposal of your committee, and the recent exhaustive examination made of the Treasurer's office, I do not submit herewith a detailed report on that office.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. CARSON,
Minority of Joint Committee.

By permission—

Mr. Dougherty, Chairman of the Special Committee to whom was referred the matters of the management of the affairs of the Normal School at DeFuniak Springs, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Special Committee to whom was referred the matters of the management of the affairs of the Normal School at DeFuniak Springs, according to Senate Resolution No. 22, have had the same under consideration. They find that the statements made to the Senate by Senator Reeves are true, and the statements are filed with this report. When your committee inquired why such were substantially the facts, they found the reasons to be, 1st lack; of funds; 2d, inability on account of their duties to visit and superintend the affairs of this school as they should be looked after. As to the fees charged for book rent, and incidental fees, we find the book rent was charged in the interest of providing books, which the board authorized, and while some money was collected not covered into the treasury, the money never really passed through the hands of the State board. The incidental fees should not have been charged, and were not authorized by the board. Many other things complained of were not authorized by the board, and the board could not well be advised of them in time to correct them unless the school was frequently visited.

This report is not as full as it should be, but is curtailed for lack of time. We file the testimony with our report.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. DOUGHERTY, Chairman.

ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,

J. N. HOOKER,

Committee.

Ordered that the report be spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Carson 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. Bitch of 21st moved that the messages from the House of Representatives be spread upon the Journal without reading, and 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., June 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 43:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate admission to the bar of this State, to create a board of legal examiners, and to provide a uniform system of legal examinations.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 43, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 118:

A bill to be entitled an act to punish the desertion of wife and children.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives

And Senate Bill No. 118, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the Senate do now take a recess until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:30 O'CLOCK.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Wadsworth and Williams—21.

A quorum present.

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

be allowed to call up Senate Bill No. 304 now on its second reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 304:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the levy of a tax of two mills, the proceeds thereof to be devoted to the payment of pensions,

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

Mr. Dougherty moved that the Senate concur in the committee amendments;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be further waived, and Senate Bill No. 304 as amended, be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 304, was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Myers, McLin, Peacock, Reeves, Roberts, Wadsworth and Williams—21.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Palmer of 11th and Palmer of 14th—3.

So Senate Bill No. 304, as amended, passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 410:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the State government for the six months of the year 1897, and for the year 1898, and for six months of the year 1899.

Under consideration at adjournment last night, was taken up.

The pending question being the following amendment offered by Mr. Chipley (House printed bill):

In line 4, section 1, insert after the word "dollars," "for assistant chemist and inspector of fertilizers, six hundred dollars."

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In line 35, section 1, strike out all after the word "dollar," down to the word "dollars" in line 37.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In line 50, section 1, strike out a'l after the word "dollars," down to the word "dollars" in line 51.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In lines 17 and 18 of section 1, strike out the words "for clerk in Attorney-General's office, four hundred and fifty (450) dollars."

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was not agreed to.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Dougherty, Hartridge, McLin, Peacock and Reeves—8.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—22.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Section 2 was read.

Mr. Chipley offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In line 43, section 2, insert after the word "dollars," "for assistant chemist and inspector of fertilizers, \$1,200."

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

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (engrossed bill):

On page 24, line 11, after the words "for West Florida Seminary," strike out the words and figures "five hundred (500) dollars," and insert the words and figures "two thousand (2,000) dollars."

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

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (engrossed bill):

On page 24, last line, after the words "Colored Normal College at Tallahassee," strike out the words and figures "one thousand (1,000) dollars," and insert "six thousand (6,000) dollars."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 as a substitute for Mr. Myers' amendment:

In line 52, section 2, strike out "four thousand dollars" and substitute "two thousand dollars."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment as a substitute for Mr. Myers' amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In line 38, section 2, strike out all after the word "dollars" to the word "for" (the last word in line 38).

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Crosby, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Roberts and Thomas—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Broome, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Daniel, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps and Williams—18.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (engrossed bill):

On page 21, line 5, after the word "dollars" insert the following: "for expenses of circuit judges when holding court in other circuits, on the order of the Governor, five hundred (500) dollars."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment:

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (engrossed bill):

On page 19, lines 2 and 3, strike out the words "one thousand five hundred (1,500) dollars," and substitute therefor the words "two thousand (2,000) dollars."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Section 3 was read.

Mr. Chipley offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In line 43, section 3, insert after the word "dollars," "for assistant chemist and inspector of fertilizers, six hundred dollars.

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In line 39, section 3, strike out the figures "2,000" and insert "8,000."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Adams withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (engrossed bill):

On page 30, line 16, strike out the words and figures "five hundred (500) dollars" after the words "for West Florida Seminary," and insert "one thousand (1,000) dollars."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (engrossed bill):

On page 32, line 11, after the word "dollars," insert "for expenses of Circuit Judges when holding court in other circuits, on the order of the Governor, two hundred and fifty (250) dollars."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (engrossed bill)

On page 36, line 3, after the word "dollars" insert the following: "For the colored normal college at Tallahassee, two thousand (2,000) dollars.

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In line 54, section 3, strike out the words and figures "six hundred and twenty-five (625) dollars" and insert the words and figures "twelve hundred (1,200) dollars."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not-agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In line 4, section 3, after the word "dollars" strike out all down to and including the word "dollars" on line 5 of said section.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In line 4, section 2, strike out all words after the word "dollars," down to and including the word "dollars" in line 5 of said section.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In line 4, section 1, strike out all words after the word "dollars" down to and including the word "dollars" in line 5 of section.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (engrossed bill):

On page 8, line 11, after the words "for expenses circuit judges sitting on Supreme bench, one hundred and fifty (150) dollars" insert the words, "for expenses of circuit judges when holding court in other circuits, on the order of the Governor, two hundred and fifty (250) dollars."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment:

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (engrossed bill):

On page 12, line 8, after the words "for West Florida Seminary one thousand (1,000) dollars," insert the following: "And for repairs of the buildings of said seminary, two thousand dollars."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Section 4 was read.

Mr. Dougherty offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In lines 16 and 17, section 1, strike out the words "for assistant clerk in Treasurer's office, five hundred dollars; for clerk in Treasurer's office, tax department, six hundred (600) dollars.

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Dougherty withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In line 38, section 3, strike out all after the word "dollars" down to and including "dollars" in line 39.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 410 (House printed bill):

In line 26, section 3, strike out all down to and including the word "fund" in line 27.

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Adams moved that the vote by which the amendment

of Mr. Dougherty appropriating \$15,000 for an extra session of the Senate was adopted last night be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be further waived, and House Bill No. 410, as amended, be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 410, as amended by the Senate, was read the third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Bitch of 20th, Bitch of 21st, Broome, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—26.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 410, as amended, passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Beg leave to report that we 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.

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Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for signature to the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act 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 internanal improvement.

The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

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HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act for the relief of John W. Dyches, ex-treasurer of Lake county.

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

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

An act to amend section 5, chapter 4193, Laws of Florida, being an act fixing the salary and mileage of the county school boards.

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

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HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Joint Resolution to the Congress of the United States asking for an additional appropriation for the improving of the Apalachicola river, including the cut-off, and the lower Chipola river in Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

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Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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President of the Senate:

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

An act in relation to the boundary between the counties of Calhoun and Washington, in the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

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

Senate Bill No. 259:

A bill to be entitled an act to exclude certain persons from being members of the pilot commissioners.

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

Very respectfully,

H. GAILLARD,

Chairman Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

And Senate Bill No. 259, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act fixing the per diem to be paid to the expert employed by the special committee to examine the State Treasurer's office.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to continue the powers, rights, privileges and grants of the Atlantic and Gulf Railway Company, and amend the same.

Also,

An act to require all taxes on land sold for partition to be paid out of the purchase money.

Also,

An act to establish a battalion of naval militia to be known as the First Naval Battalion of the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 31 of chapter 4496 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend the city charter of the city of Tampa.

Also,

An act to amend section 2347 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the disposition of the proceeds of life insurance.

Also,

An act to create a corporation to be named the Key West Insurance Company, and to confer certain privileges thereon.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to prohibit arrangements, contracts agreements, trusts or combinations, and certain other acts or things intending to prevent the lawful sale of Florida fed beef or other beef or other fresh meat or cattle or other edible animal in this State, or tending to monopolize or control the sale or price thereof.

Also,

An act to incorporate the city of Miami, in Dade county, Florida, and to declare the incorporation of said city to be valid and of full force and effect.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to prevent the adulteration of candy.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend chapter 4180, acts of 1893, entitled an act to amend sections 568 and 570 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida concerning annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida, approved June 2, 1893.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act for the protection and preservation of food fishes in the St. Johns river, and all other streams, rivers, creeks and bayous in the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

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

Very respectfully,
J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 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.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act for the relief of John W. Dyches, ex-treasurer of Lake county.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act granting unto 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.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act authorizing the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer to deposit the public moneys in such banks as shall furnish collaterals, providing for the sale of such collaterals, and prohibiting the Treasurer from depositing any moneys in any bank without the consent of the Governor and Comptroller.

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

Very respectfully.

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to incorporate The Florida Herald Publishing Company.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act in relation to the boundary between the counties of Calhoun and Washington, in the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Joint Resolution to the Congress of the United States asking for an additional appropriation for the improving of the Apalachicola river, including the cut-off, and the lower Chipola river in Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 5 of chapter 4193, Laws of Florida, being an act fixing the salary and mileage of the county school boards.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. McLin 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 by a two-thirds vote.

Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 79:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the times of holding the terms of the Circuit Court in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 79, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 84:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the forging of certain instruments, and prescribing the penalty therefor.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 84, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled an act to declare navigable West Pitman creek in Holmes county, and to fix a penalty for obstructing the same.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 205, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. C. 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. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2251 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the construction of railways in this State by companies incorporated by other States.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 92, contained in the above report, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 253:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 1907 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act declaring Alaqua creek navigable, approved February 14, 1872.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 253, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 285:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 611, chapter

4, part 1, title 9, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, in relation to accounts of county treasurers.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 285, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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—

Senate Memorial No. 201:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States asking the passage of a bill for the construction of the proposed Nicaraguan canal.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Memorial No. 201, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 304:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the levy of a tax of two mills, the proceeds thereof to be devoted to the payment of pensions.

With amendment by striking out the words "two mills,"

and insert "half mill" in the first section of the bill, and also in the title thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the Senate concur in ~~House~~ amendment to Senate Bill No. 304;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 304, as amended, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 117:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Tallahassee and Central Florida Railway Company, and to grant to said company certain lands to aid in the construction of its railway.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No 117, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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—

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 of full force and effect.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 204, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Joint Resolution No. 143:

A joint resolution proposing amendment to section 1, article 10, Constitution of Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 48 of an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved June 1, 1895.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 50, contained in the above message was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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. 74:

Relative to improving by the United States government of certain waters 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 Joint Resolution No. 74, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Chipley moved that House Joint Resolution No. 74 be passed to second reading without reference;

Which was agreed to.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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. 352:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect the owners of boxes, bottles, siphons, fountains, tins or keys used in the sale of soda water, mineral or aerated waters, porter, ale, beer, cider, ginger ale, milk, cream, small beer, lager beer, weiss beer, white beer or other beverages, or medicines, medical preparations, perfumes, oils, compounds or mixtures.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 352, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 352 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 352 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 352 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 352 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Barber, Blitch of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Wadsworth—17.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Broome, Myers and Williams—4.

So House Bill No. 305 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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 by a three-fifths vote—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 300:

Proposing an amendment to article 111 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to the legislative department,

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 300, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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. 361:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 3933, Laws of Florida, being an act to organize a county court in and for the county of Brevard, to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney and for the compensation of the judge of said court, approved May 18, 1889.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 361, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Adams moved that House Bill No. 361 be placed on second reading without reference;

Which was agreed to.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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. 413:

A bill to be entitled an act abolishing the positions of Recording Clerk of the Senate and House of Representatives 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. 413, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Adams moved that House Bill No. 413 lay on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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. 373:

A bill to be entitled an act to apportion the representation in the Senate and House of Representatives 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. 373, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Adams moved that House Bill No. 373 be passed to second reading without reference;

Which was agreed to.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 3, 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. 222:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2421 of article 5 of chapter 3, title 2, of the Revised Statutes of the Laws 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. 222, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Chipley moved that House Bill No. 222 be placed on the calendar of bills on second reading without reference;

Which was agreed to.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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 concurred in Senate amendment to House Bill No. 3.

Also,

Concurred in Senate amendment to House Bill No. 296.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 1 of an act in relation to the prosecution by the State of violation of prohibition regulations, approved April 25, 1895.

Also,

An act authorizing the county commissioners of Polk county to call an election to vote a special road tax for roads in the several road districts of said county, and providing how the revenue shall be expended.

Also,

An act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Chatauqua Association, approved February 12, 1885.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

☐ An the acts contained in the above report were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 1 of an act in relation to the the prosecution by the State of violations of the prohibition regulations, approved April 25, 1895.

Also,

An act authorizing the county commissioners of Polk county to call an election to vote a special road tax for roads in the several road districts of said county, and providing how the revenue shall be expended.

Also,

An act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Chautauqua Association, approved February 12, 1885.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 1 of an act in relation to the prosecution by the State of violations of the prohibition regulations, approved April 25, 1895.

Also,

An act authorizing the county commissioners of Polk county to call an election to vote a special road tax for roads in the several road districts of said county, and providing how the revenue shall be expended.

Also,

An act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10, of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Chautauqua Association, approved February 12, 1885.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to amend section 1 of an act in relation to the prosecution by the State of violations of the prohibition regulations, approved April 25, 1895.

Also,

An act authorizing the County Commissioners of Polk County to call an election to vote a special road tax for roads in the several road districts of said county, and providing how the revenue shall be expended.

Also,

An act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Chautauqua Association, approved February 12, 1885.

The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to appropriate \$20,000 to be used for the purchase and payment for the buildings, fumigating plants, wharves, and other property, including boats of the Escambia county Board of Health, and to have same conveyed to the State Board of Health.

Also,

An act requiring a special license tax to be paid by express companies doing business in this State.

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking that the settlers now residing on the Fort Jupiter reserve be allowed to homestead their claims.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

An the acts and memorial contained in the above report were referred to Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to appropriate \$20,000, to be used for the purchase and payment for the buildings, fumigating plants, wharves, and other property, including boats, of the Escambia County

Board of Health, and to have same conveyed to the State Board of Health.

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking that the settlers now residing on the Fort Jupiter reserve be allowed to homestead their claims.

Also,

An act requiring a special license tax to be paid by express companies doing business in this State.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

By permission—

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

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TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to appropriate \$20,000 to be used for the purchase and payment for the buildings, fumigating plants, wharves, and other property, including boats of the Escambia County Board of Health, and to have same conveyed to the State Board of Health.

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking that the settlers now residing on the Fort Jupiter Reserve be allowed to homestead their claims.

Also,

An act requiring a special license tax to be paid by express companies doing business in this State.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

and is herewith presented for signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign--

An act to appropriate \$20,000 to be used for the purchase and payment for the buildings, fumigating plants, wharves and other property including boats of the Escambia County Board of Health, and to have same conveyed to the State Board of Health.

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking that the settlers now residing on the Fort Jupiter reserve be allowed to homestead their claims.

Also,

An act requiring a special license tax to be paid by express companies doing business in this State.

The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived, and he be allowed to call up House Bill No. 198, now on its third reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

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,

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be further waived, and House Bill No. 198 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 198 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht of 20th, Blicht of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Daniel, Darby,

Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—23.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 198 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and he allowed to call up House Bill 251, now on its third reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 251:

A bill to be entitled an act to allow municipalities to prohibit the sale of fireworks,

Was taken up.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be further waived, and House Bill No. 251 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—24.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 251 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Blich of 20th moved that the rules be waived, and he be allowed to call up Senate Bill No. 200, now on its third reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 200:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Reeves moved that Senate Bill No. 200 be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

And

And Senate Bill No. 200 was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived, and he be allowed to call up Senate Bill No. 151, now on its third reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 151:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to chattel mortgages,
Was taken up,

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be further waived, and
Senate Bill No. 151 be read a third time and put upon its
passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 151 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was.

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht of 20th,
Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Fuller, Hooker,
Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts,
Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—18.

Nays—Mr. Blicht of 21st—1.

So Senate Bill No. 151 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Bailey moved that the rules be waived, and he be al-
lowed to call up House Bill No. 209, now on its second
reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

House Bill No. 209:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Bailey moved that the rules be waived, and House
Bill No. 209 be read the second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 209 was read second time by its title.

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

Which was agreed to by a two thirds vote.

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

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blicht of 21st, Broome,
Bynum, Chipley, Clark, Darby, Fuller, Phipps and Wads-
worth—11.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Blicht of 20th, Carson,
Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer
of 14th, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—13.

So House Bill No. 209 failed to pass.

Mr. Fuller moved that the rules be waived, and he be al-
lowed to call up House Bill No. 181, now on its second read-
ing;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 181:

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

Mr. Fuller moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 181 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 181 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Fuller moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 181 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 181 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Darby, Fuller, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—19.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Clark, Palmer of 11th and Phipps—4.

So House Bill No. 181 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Bailey was excused from voting.

By permission—

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SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to appropriate \$20,000 for the purchase of the buildings, fumigating plants, wharves and boats of the Escambia County Board of Health, and to have same conveyed to the State Board of Health.

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking that the settlers now residing on the Fort Jupiter reserve be allowed to homestead their claims.

Also,

An act requiring a special tax to be paid by express companies doing business in this State.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate.

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

An act to amend section 1 of an act in relation to the prosecution by the State of violations of the prohibition regulations, approved April 25, 1895.

Also,

An act authorizing the County Commissioners of Polk county to call an election to vote special road tax for roads in the several road districts of said county, and providing how the revenue shall be expended.

Also,

An act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 of an act titled an act to incorporate the Florida Chautauqua Association, approved February 12, 1885.

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

Very respectfully,

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SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 2517 of the Revised Statutes relating to trespasses on farms, gardens, etc.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to provide for teachers' summer schools, and to make appropriations therefor.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

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TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to incorporate the Alafia, Manatee and Gulf Coast Railroad Company.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 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 25, 1895.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

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SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act for the relief of James M. Driver and Wm. Bigham.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to give the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad Company the power of eminent domain, and the right to condemn property between Plant City, in Hillsborough county, Florida and the city of Tampa, and the waters of Hillsborough bay, in said county and State.

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

Very respectfully,

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TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to enable cities and towns to manufacture and distribute gas and electricity, and to construct, purchase, lease or establish and maintain within its limits one or more plants for the manufacture or distribution of gas or electricity for furnishing light for municipal use, and for the use of such of its inhabitants as may require and pay for the same as herein provided.

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

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TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act for the relief of Samuel J. Reynolds, a fish commissioner of the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

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SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 10 of an act entitled an act to keep in repair all public roads and bridges and to open new roads in the county of Orange, State of Florida, approved June 5, 1891, so as to authorize said county to levy a special tax for road improvement.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., JUNE 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 1, article 2; sections 1 and 2, article 3; sections 2 and 3, article 8, and section 1, article 9, chapter 4297 of the Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1893.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Hartridge 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.

Confirmations.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY.

- District No. 1—J. E. Creary.
- District No. 2—C. R. Johnston.
- District No. 3—J. A. McDavid.
- District No. 4—J. M. Seigler.
- District No. 5—L. M. Pyron.

DUVAL COUNTY.

- District No. 1—David Ogilvie.
- District No. 2—Joseph H. Durkee.
- District No. 3—Harry J. Pickett.
- District No. 4—F. F. L'Engle.
- District No. 5—E. P. Holmes.

CITRUS COUNTY.

- District No. 1—O. P. Keller.
 District No. 2—A. E. Willard.
 District No. 3—J. Y. Barnes.
 District No. 4—Thomas W. Cobb.
 District No. 5—Thomas S. Henley.

R. H. M. Davidson, of Gadsden county; Henry E. Day, of Alachua county; J. M. Bryan, of Osceola county, to be Railroad Commissioners for the State of Florida.

John L. Doggett, of Jacksonville, Fla., to be Judge of the Criminal Court of Record for Duval county.

James R. Curry, Sr., vice P. T. Knight; B. B. Whalton, vice Mason S. Moreno, to be Pilot Commissioners of the port of Key West.

NIGHT SESSION.

8:30 O'CLOCK.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hendley, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts and Williams—21.

A quorum present.

Mr. Roberts moved that the rules be waived, and he be allowed to call up House Bill No. 176, now on its second reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 176:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection and preservation of the natural or public oyster beds within the jurisdiction of the county of Franklin, State of Florida,

Was taken up.

Mr. Hartridge moved that House Bill No. 176 be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 176 was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived, and he be allowed to call up House Bill No. 229, now on its second reading;

Which was agreed to.

And,

House Bill No. 229:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the duties of the county surveyors and the amount of compensation for their services,

Was taken up.

Mr. Hartridge moved to indefinitely postpone the bill;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McLin moved that the Senate take up—

House Bill No. 391:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the appointment of an agent to examine, inspect and report monthly, or oftener, as to the treatment, care, custody and maintenance of all State convicts;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 391 was taken up.

Nr. Palmer of 11th moved to indefinitely postpone the bill;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate consider no other bill except revenue bill after 9:00 p. m. this evening.

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

Mr. Adams moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Which was not agreed to.

The resolution was adopted.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

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

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

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., June 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 210:

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

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 210, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 136:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 720 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, in reference to contracting of territorial limits of cities and towns.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 136, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., JUNE 4, 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—

Senate Bill No. 177:

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

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 177, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr Chipley moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform him of the approaching close of this session of the Legislature, and ascertain if His Excellency had any further communication to make to this body;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed as the committee Messrs. Chipley Bynum and McLin, who retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that the Governor had no further communication to make, and the committee was discharged.

Mr. Chipley moved that—

House Bill No. 412:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 29, 32, 35, 47, 48, 50, 66 and 67 of chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved June 1, 1895,

Be taken up;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Williams moved that the bill be read by sections;

Which was agreed to.

Section 1 was read.

Section 2 was read.

Section 3 was read.

Section 4 was read.

Section 5 was read.

Section 6 was read.

Section 7 was read.

Section 8 was read.

Mr. Williams offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 412:

On page 38 (engrossed bill), strike out all after the word "collected" in line 31.

Mr. Williams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Section 9 was read.

Section 10 was read.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 412 (engrossed bill):

In line 35, section 10, strike out the word "fifteen," and substitute therefor the word "twenty."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Chipley, Hartridge, Hooker, Peacock, Phipps and Thomas—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Fuller, Hendley, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Roberts and Williams—16.

So the amendment was not adopted.

Section 11 was read.

Section 12 was read.

Mr. Williams moved to reconsider the vote by which his amendment was adopted;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Williams asked permission to withdraw the amendment;

Which was granted.

And the amendment was withdrawn.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 412 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 412 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Daniel, Fuller, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—14.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Broome, Chipley,

Clark, Crosby, Darby, Myers, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Phipps and Reeves—12.

So House Bill No. 412 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

The following communication from the Governor was ordered spread upon the Journal:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have today signed the following bills which originated in that body to-wit:

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.

Also,

An act to create a corporation to be named the Key West Insurance Company, and to confer certain privileges thereon.

Also,

An act to establish a battalion of naval militia to be known as the First Naval Battalion of the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to legalize the incorporation of the city of Miami, in the county of Dade, and to declare the incorporation of said city to be valid and of full force and effect.

Also,

An act to amend section 2347 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida relating to the disposition of the proceeds of life insurance.

Also,

An act to amend section 31 of chapter 4496 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend the city charter of the city of Tampa.

Also,

An act fixing the per diem to be paid to the expert employed by the special committee to examine the State Treasurer's office.

Also,

An act to require all taxes on land sold for partition to be paid out of the purchase money.

Also,

An act to continue the powers, rights, privileges and grants of the Atlantic and Gulf Railway Company, and to amend the same.

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking that the settlers now residing on the Fort Jupiter reserve 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,

An act requiring a special license tax to be paid by express companies doing business in this State.

Also,

An act to amend section 1 of an act in relation to the prosecution by the State of violations of the prohibition regulations, approved April 25, 1895.

Also,

An act authorizing the county commissioners of Polk county to call an election to vote a special road tax for roads in the several road districts of said county, and providing how the revenue shall be expended.

And have filed the same with the Secretary of State.

Respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM,

Governor.

Mr. Carson 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. Blich of 21st moved that the messages from the House of Representatives be spread upon the Journal without reading, and 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., June 4, 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 concurred in Senate amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, and declined to concur in amendments 8 and 15 to—

House Bill No. 410:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the State government for the six months of the year 1897, and for the year 1898, and for six months of the year 1899.

And respectfully request the Senate to recede from Senate amendments Nos. 8 and 15.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Adams moved that the Senate do recede from amendment No. 8;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the Senate recede from Amendment No. 15;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived, and be allowed to call up House Bill No. 196, now on its third reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 196:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be further waived, and House Bill No. 196 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 196 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Myers, McLin and Wadsworth—14.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Broome, Darby, Hartridge, Hendley, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts and Williams—11.

So House Bill No. 196 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., JUNE 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERBENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 274:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2396 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the crime of rape, and to provide a penalty for assault with intent to commit rape.

Also,

House Bill No. 282:

A bill to be entitled an act to give jurisdiction to county judges in all misdemeanors punishable by fine and imprisonment in the county jail in counties where there is no county court or criminal court.

Also,

House Bill No. 364:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 4426 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to authorize railroad and canal companies to condemn land and water rights for terminal facilities.

Also,

House Bill No. 375:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to authorize and regulate the selling of pools in this State, being chapter 4023 of the Laws of Florida.

Also,

House Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled act to regulate proceedings by receivers.

Also,

House Bill No. 104:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a penalty for coercing or influencing, or making demands upon or requirements of employes, servants, laborers and persons seeking employment.

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And House Bills Nos. 274 282, 364, 375, 205 and 104, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 108:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1 of chapter 4147, Laws of Florida, being an act to regulate the carrying of fire arms, approved June 2, 1893.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 135:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 3742, section 1, of the Laws of Florida; section 2271 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida; and chapter 3742, section 2, of the Laws of Florida; section 2272 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and chapter 4069 of the Laws of Florida, being an act requiring railroad companies to fence their tracks, and providing remedies against them for failure to do so.

Also,

House Bill No. 281:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2598 of the Revised Statutes, relative to carnal intercourse with unmarried females.

Also,

House Bill No. 248:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3 of chapter 4120, Laws of Florida.

Also,

House Bill No. 255:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend paragraph 2 of section 1272, Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to superse-deas upon writs of error.

Also,

House Bill No. 256:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 1458, Revised Statutes, relating to supersedeas upon appeals in equity causes.

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 108 and 135, and House Bills Nos. 281, 248, 255 and 256, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Reeves, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Education, who were instructed by resolution to investigate the sales of timber from school lands, the agents employed therefor, and other matters pertaining thereto, wish to submit the following:

The agents throughout the State do not report their sales of stumpage to the Commissioner of Agriculture, but remit direct to the Treasurer the moneys received by them.

There is absolutely no check kept on these agents. They are authorized to sell stumpage and, while your committee wish to cast no reflection on these agents, as a matter of fact it is wholly left to them to send in to the Treasurer the moneys received for timber, and there is no way of ascertaining whether they all do this or not.

It will be well to state further that there is absolutely no way to find out from their mere remittances to the Treasurer how much timber was sold that the remittance was to cover, or what lands the timber was sold from.

The Commissioner of Agriculture states that he has always opposed and discouraged as much as possible the sale of timber from school lands, and thinks the law in relation thereto should be repealed.

It is well to note that when the timber has been sold from these lands they are, in many instances, practically valueless, and there is under the present system and law, no way to ascertain whether or not the State does actually receive the entire amount due by agents for the timber sold.

Permission is also granted to parties to cut timber from school lands, though they are not authorized to sell to other parties. The State takes their statement of timber cut, and:

is only paid thereby. Such a system would be a loose way to conduct a private business.

Such permission is at present granted to J. J. Hale of Brooksville, Fla., and F. H. Whitner of Sanford, Fla.

The agents authorized to sell to other parties employed are: F. E. Hale, Cedar Keys, Fla.; McQueen Chaires, Fannin, Fla.; Whitmill Curry, Izagora, Fla.; H. B. Gaskins, Blountstown, Fla.

By statute it is provided that all sheriffs are ex-officio agents.

The Commissioner states that the amount now received per thousand feet, superficial measurement, is fifty (50) cents.

There is one item of trespass on school lands of \$38.03, which was placed to credit of stumpage account in Treasurers office.

Following is a statement of all amounts by years received by the Treasurer:

For 1892—Common School Land Fund.....	\$ 80 00
1892—Seminary Fund.....	140 00
1893—Common School.....	104 50
1893—Seminary.....	200 00
1894—Common School.....	18 75
1894—Seminary.....	54 30
1895—Common School.....	158 23
1895—Seminary.....	96 01
1896—Common School.....	96 36
1896—Seminary.....	68 08

Total amount received in five years..\$1,016 23

L. J. REEVES, Chairman.

C. A. CARSON,

J. N. HOOKER,

F. ADAMS,

Committee.

Ordered spread on the Journal.

Mr. Carson 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. Bitch of 21st moved that the messages from the House of Representatives be spread upon the Journal without reading, and 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., JUNE 4, 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. 414:

A bill to be entitled an act making further appropriations for the expenses of the Legislature of 1897, and an additional appropriation for the salaries of the Executive Department for six months ending December 31, 1897, and for the year 1898, and for six months of the year ending June 30, 1899.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 414, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 414 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 414 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 414 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 414 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Carson, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—24.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 414, passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived, and he be allowed to call up House Joint Resolution No. 43.

House Joint Resolution No. 43:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Now on its second reading.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Carson, Crosby, Daniel, Hendley, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—12.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Bynum, Chipley, Clark, Darby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Myers, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Phipps, and Wadsworth—15.

So the motion to waive the rules was not agreed to.

Mr. Darby moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion to waive the rules be reconsidered.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. C. 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 Joint Resolution No. 60:

A Joint Resolution relating to the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 60, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERREOT,

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. 283:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4199, entitled an act to regulate the hours of labor of trainmen on railroads in this State, to provide a penalty for violation of the same, and for other purposes.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNTM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 283, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Myers moved to refer House Bill No. 283 to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 283 be read second time by its title;

Which was not agreed to.

The motion to refer House Bill No. 283 to the Committee on Railroads was agreed to.

Mr. Darby moved to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 283 was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Hartridge moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table;

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to allow municipalities to prohibit the sale of fire works.

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.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to allow municipalities to prohibit the sale of fireworks.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to allow municipalities to prohibit the sale of fireworks.

The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to prescribe the times and places for holding the Circuit Courts in the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida.

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.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to prescribe the times and places for holding the Circuit Courts in the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is hereby presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to prescribe the times and places for holding the Circuit Courts in the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida.

The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act for the appointment of fish and game wardens in the various counties of the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

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An act for the appointment of fish and game wardens in the various counties of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to protect the owners of boxes, bottles, siphons, fountains, tins or kegs used in the sale of soda water, mineral or areated waters, porter, ale, beer, cider, ginger ale, milk, cream, small beer, white beer or other beverages, or medicines, medical preparations, perfumes, oils, compound or mixtures.

Beg leave to report that 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.

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Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

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The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend section 720 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, in reference to contracting of territorial limits of cities and towns.

Also,

An act to prescribe the mode of issuing temporary certificates of qualifications by the boards of medical examiners, defining the duties of the members and secretaries of the same, and prescribing a punishment for a breach thereof.

Also,

An act to amend section 611, chapter 4, part 1, title 9, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, in relation to accounts of county treasurers.

Also,

Joint Resolution relating to the election of United States Senators by the people.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the acts and resolution contained in the above report were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

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Also,

Joint Resolution relating to the election of United States Senators by the people.

Be it reported that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to amend section 720 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, in reference to contracting of territorial limits of cities and towns.

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An act to prescribe the mode of issuing temporary certificates of qualification by the boards of medical examiners, defining the duties of the members and secretaries of the same, and prescribing a punishment for a breach thereof.

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Also,

Joint Resolution relating to the election of United States Senators by the people.

The acts and resolution were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act in relation to the salaries of certain administrative officers.

Also,

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 of full force and effect.

Also,

An act to provide for the levy of a tax of a half mill, the proceeds thereof to be devoted to the payment of pensions.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the acts contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

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An act to provide for the levy of a tax of two mills, the proceeds to be devoted to the payment of pensions.

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

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Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

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etto, Manatee county, Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Palmetto valid and of full force and effect.

Also,

An act to provide for the levy of a tax of two mills, the proceeds thereof to be devoted to the payment of pensions.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

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The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRINOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act in relation to the forging of certain instruments, and prescribing a penalty therefor.

Also,

An act to amend section 2251 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the construction of railways in this State by companies incorporated by other states.

Also,

Memorial to the Congress of the United States asking the passage of a bill for the construction of the proposed Nicaragua canal.

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

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the acts and memorial contained in the above report were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

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TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

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Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

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A bill to be entitled an act to declare unlawful and void all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations made with a view to lessen, or which tend to lessen, free competition in the importation or sale of articles imported into this State, or in the manufacture or sale of articles of domestic growth or of domestic raw material; to declare unlawful and void all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations between persons or corporations designed or which tend to advance, reduce or control the price of such product or article to producer or consumer of any such product or article; to provide for forfeiture of the charter and franchise of any corporation organized under the laws of this State violating any of the provisions of this act; to prohibit every foreign corporation violating any of the provisions of this act from doing business in this State; to institute legal proceedings against any such corporations violating the provisions of this act and to enforce the penalties prescribed; to prescribe penalties for any violation of this act; to authorize any person or corporation damaged by any such trust, agree-

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Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 4, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to fix a penalty for horse and cattle stealing.

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The President appointed Messrs. Bynum, Chipley and Myers as such committee, who retired and a short while returned and reported that the House of Representatives has no further business to transact.

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June 14, A. D. 1897.

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 S. F. Blitch, 20th District, Blitchton, Fla.
 N. A. Blitch, 21st District, Phoenix, Fla.
 J. E. Broome, 6th District, Quincy, Fla.
 J. H. T. Bynum, 17th District, Live Oak, Fla.
 C. A. Carson, 19th District, Kissimmee, Fla.
 W. D. Chipley, 2d District, Pensacola, Fla.
 W. R. Clark, 25th District, Wewahitchkee, Fla.
 A. Crosby, 15th District, Zif, Fla.
 W. J. Daniel, 4th District, Marianna, Fla.
 T. A. Darby, 26th District, Palatka, Fla.
 E. N. Dimick, 13th District, Palm Beach, Fla.
 Chas. Dougherty, 28th District, Daytona, Fla.
 W. H. Fuller, 27th District, Braidentown, Fla.
 H. Gaillard, 31st District, St. Augustine, Fla.
 J. E. Hartridge, 18th District, Jacksonville, Fla.
 J. A. Hendley, 9th District, Dade City, Fla.
 J. N. Hooker, 7th District, Bartow, Fla.
 F. T. Myers, 8th District, Tallahassee, Fla.
 E. B. McLin, 23d District, Umatilla, Fla.
 Thos. Palmer, 11th District, Tampa, Fla.
 B. H. Palmer, 14th District, Lake City, Fla.
 S. H. Peacock, 12th District, Perry, Fla.
 J. M. Phipps, 14th District, Key West, Fla.
 L. J. Reeves, 3d District, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.
 J. E. Roberts, 5th District, Bristol, Fla.
 W. R. Thomas, 32d District, Gainesville, Fla.
 B. D. Wadsworth, 10th District, Madison, Fla.
 A. T. Williams, 16th District, Fernandina, Fla.

OFFICERS AND ATTACHES.

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 Bert Fish, Reading Secretary, DeLand, Fla.
 Fred L. Robertson, Bill Secretary, Brooksville, Fla.
 O. K. Paxton, Recording Secretary, Jasper, Fla.
 E. E. Pons, Engrossing Secretary, Macclenny, Fla.
 Jno. M. Gornto, Enrolling Secretary, Mayo, Fla.
 W. R. Grantham, Sergeant-at-Arms, Waukeelah, Fla.
 T. J. Peavey, Doorkeeper, Concord, Fla.
 F. G. Reeves, Messenger, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.
 Jno. W. Coulter, Auditor, Blitchton, Fla.
 James W. Smith, Page, Palatka, Fla.
 Bennie Ellis, Page, Gainesville, Fla.
 Lewis Thompson, Page, Fernandina, Fla.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT OF AMOUNTS PAID
TO EXTRA CLERKS.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE TREASURER'S OFFICE.

W. G. Powell, \$81.
M. Gregg, eighteen days' services, \$54.
J. L. Harris, eighteen days' services, \$90.
E. B. Durlin, eighteen days' services, \$180.

EXTRA CLERKS ENGROSSING COMMITTEE, HOUSE.

Mrs. C. B. B. Richards, two days' services, \$10.
Miss Wee Wee Wilson, fifteen days' services, \$75.
Miss Nellie Bassett, one day's services, \$5.
Miss Katie Bond, seven days' services, \$35.
Mrs. M. L. Gornto, eleven days' services, \$55.
Mrs. Jessie Kay, seven days' services, \$35.
Mrs. Mary Drane, fifteen days' services, \$75.
Miss Janie Bond, nine days' services, \$45.
Miss Sadie Cromartie, fifteen days' services, \$75.
Mrs. Kate Bruen, four days' services, \$20.
Mrs. H. N. Sweeting, fifteen days' services, \$75.
Mrs. F. A. Gibbons, two days' services, \$10.
Howard Gamble, three days' services, \$15.
B. D. Hiers, three days' services, \$15.
Miss Nellie Wilson, five days' services, \$25.

EXTRA ENROLLING CLERKS, SENATE.

John W. Wadsworth, eight days' services, \$40.
J. D. Luther, six days' services, \$30.
Mrs. Jordan Durrance, four days' services, \$20.
J. W. Myers, four days' services, \$20.
Mrs. Mary Drane, eight days' services, \$40.
Jordan Durance, seven days' services, \$35.

EXTRA CLERKS ENROLLING COMMITTEE, HOUSE.

Miss Nellie Wilson, thirty days' services, \$150.
Miss Wee Wee Wilson, fourteen days' services, \$70.
Mrs. Jessie Key, four days' services, \$20.
Miss Sue Archer, one day's services, \$5.
Miss Annie Ames, eight days' services, \$40.
Mrs. E. Ames, four days' services, \$20.
Walker Gwynn, nine days' services, \$45.
V. J. Randolph, one day's services, \$5.
B. D. Hiers, two days' services, \$10.
J. G. Johnson, three days' services, \$15.
E. Ames, four days' services, \$20.
Miss Mamie Walker, two days' services, \$10.

H. N. Sweeting, eight days' services, \$40.
 Howard Gamble, three days' services, \$15.
 L. A. Mitchell, three days' services, \$15.
 W. H. H. McLeod, two days' services, \$10.
 J. B. Edwards, ten days' services, \$50.
 Mrs. J. Corbett, twelve days' services, \$60.
 L. A. McNealy, two days' services, \$10.
 Miss Ella Nash, two day's services, \$10.

EXTRA ENROLLING CLERKS, SENATE.

John W. Wadsworth, three days' services, \$15.
 John D. Luther, three days' services, \$15.
 Jordan Durand, three days' services, \$15.
 S. W. Myers, three days' services, \$15.
 Mrs. Jordan Durand, three days' services, \$15.
 Mrs. Mary Drane, three days' services, \$15.
 A. D. Hemming, three days' services, \$15.
 C. B. Ashley, one day's services, \$5.
 C. L. Shine, one days' services, \$5.

CLERKS ON COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING OFFICE COMMISSIONER
OF AGRICULTURE.

J. D. Tuten, forty days' services, \$200.
 Miss G. Dzialynski, forty days' services, \$200.
 S. B. Russ, eleven days' services, \$55.
 E. M. Gregg, two days' services, \$10.

CLERKS ON COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING INTERNAL IMPROVE-
MENT FUND.

L. A. McNealy, forty-four days' services, \$220.
 J. W. Kehoe, forty-four days' services, \$220.

CLERK SENATE RAILROAD, FISHERIES, CANALS AND TELE-
GRAPHS, TEMPERANCE AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES.

John W. Cannon, fifty-four days' services, \$270.

CLERKS SENATE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS, MILITIA AND
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Chas. E. Davis, fifty-four days' services, \$270.

CLERKS SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

William Jackson, fifty-six days' services, \$280.

CLERK SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION.

B. L. Blackburn, fifty-seven days' services, \$285.

CLERKS ON SENATE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE COMPTROLLER'S
AND TREASURER'S OFFICE.

J. C. Bales, fifty-three days' services, \$265.
 Geo. M. Blitch, fifty days' services, \$250.

R. C. Brevard, twenty days' services, \$100.

Miss Dzialynski, two days' services, \$10.

CLERKS ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE STATE NORMAL
SCHOOL AT DEFUNIAK SPRINGS.

Nimrod McGuire, three days' services, \$15.

W. G. Powell, three days' services, \$15.

W. G. Powell, \$12.

EXTRA ENROSSING CLERKS, SENATE.

W. A. O'Neil, twenty-three days' services, \$115.

S. R. Pons, nine days' services, \$45.

I. W. Williams, seventeen days' services, \$85.

A. Higgins, eight days' services, \$40.

W. C. Pons, five days' services, \$25.

Mrs. Howard, two days' services, \$10.

Miss Nellie Wilson, one day's services, \$5.

Mrs. Grambling, one day's services, \$5.

CLERK INVESTIGATING INFLUENCE USED IN ELECTING UNITED
STATES SENATOR.

W. G. Powell, eight days' services, \$40.

DRAFTING RESOLUTIONS.

J. T. Costa, \$5.

CLERK SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING TREASURER'S
OFFICE ON ACCOUNT OF ERROR.

E. M. Gregg, eighteen days' services, \$36.

CLERK JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, HOUSE.

Frank Delaney, fifty-two days' services, \$260.

CLERK IMPEACHMENT COMMITTEE.

W. G. Powell, twelve days' services, \$60.

CLERKS LAND REDEMPTION COMMITTEE.

N. A. Marion, ten days' services, \$50.

C. E. Davis, ten days' services, \$50.

T. W. Harris, eight days' services, \$40.

H. P. Baya, seven days' services, \$35.

W. H. H. McLeod, one day's services, \$5.

JOINT COMMITTEE APPROPRIATION.

Nimrod McGuire, thirty-five days' services, \$175.

CLERK HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING TREASURER'S OFFICE.

W. G. Powell, \$23.

CLERKS HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS AND TELEGRAPHS
AND APPROPRIATIONS.

C. C. Gunn, forty-six days' services, \$230.

Pierre de Pratt, forty days' services, \$200.

CLERK COMMITTEE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

J. J. Turner, forty days' services, \$200.

CLERK COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Pierre de Pratt, two days' services, \$10.

CLERK COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

S. H. Eames, one day's services, \$5.

CLERKS ON HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING COMMISSIONER
OF AGRICULTURE.

J. J. Thompson, forty days' services, \$200.

N. W. Marion, twenty-five days' services, \$125.

J. H. Eames, twenty-four days' services, \$120.

H. L. Brooks, thirty-two days' services, \$160.

Geo. Blich, four days' services, \$20.

Mr. Lipford, five days' services, \$25.

T. W. Harris, ten days' services, \$50.

E. M. Gregg, ten days' services, \$50.

T. J. Cochran, eight days' services, \$40.

CLERKS HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING COMPTROLLER'S
AND TREASURER'S OFFICES.

Jesse G. Johnson, thirty-three days' services, \$165.

John G. Kellum, thirty-three days' services, \$165.

CLERK HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION.

J. B. Whitfield, forty-one days' services, \$205.

EXTRA CLERKS ENROLLING COMMITTEE, SENATE.

J. A. Edmondson, one day's services, \$5.

J. J. Thompson, one day's services, \$5.

P. D. Demilly, one day's services, \$5.

ENROLLING COMMITTEE, HOUSE—CLERKS ASSISTANT TO CHAIR-
MAN.

Frank Turner, thirty-three days' services, \$165.

W. D. Hiers, five days' services, \$25.

V. J. Randolph, three days' services, \$15.

Howard Gamble, one day's services, \$5.

C. B. Ashley, two days' services, \$10.

J. B. Edwards, three days' services, \$15.

W. C. Cogswell, five days' services, \$25.

This is to certify that the foregoing list is as furnished by the State Treasurer as being the amount paid to committee clerks, extra enrolling and engrossing clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives of the session of the Legislature of 1897.

Very respectfully,

T. J. APLEYARD,

Secretary of the Senate.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

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* The journal apparently is in error. According to previous journals, Key West is represented by the 24th district and this journal lists Senator Phipps from the 14th district along with Senator B. H. Palmer who does represent that district.