

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Barber, Bitch, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Clark, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hendley, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Palmer of 11th, Roberts, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

The President announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees of the Senate.

Judiciary—Myers, of the 8th District, Chairman.

Palmer, of the 14th District.

Hendley, of the 9th District.

Palmer, of the 11th District.

Bynum, of the 17th District.

Constitutional Amendments—Palmer, of the 11th District, Chairman.

Harris, of the 24th District.

Reeves, of the 3d District.

Wilson, of the 4th District.

McCreary, of the 32d District.

Finance and Taxation—Carson, of the 19th District, Chairman.

Gaillard, of the 31st District.

McCreary, of the 32d District.

Crill, of the 26th District.

Rogers, of the 18th District.

Appropriations—McCreary, of the 32d District, Chairman.

Palmer, of the 14th District.

Rogers, of the 18th District.

Fuller, of the 27th District.

Chaires, of the 12th District.

Rules—Crill, of the 26th District, Chairman.

Blich, of the 21st District.

Palmer, of the 14th District.

Roberts, of the 5th District.

O'Brien, of the 2d District.

City and County Organization—Bynum, of the 17th District, Chairman.

Reeves, of the 3d District.

Dimick, of the 13th District.

McLin, of the 23d District.

Chaires, of the 12th District.

Commerce and Navigation—O'Brien, of the 2d District, Chairman.

Harris, of the 24th District.

Sams, of the 28th District.

Williams, of the 16th District.

Palmer, of the 11th District.

Education—Palmer, of the 14th District, Chairman.

Reeves, of the 3d District.

Wilson, of the 4th District.

Carson, of the 19th District.

Bynum, of the 17th District.

Privileges and Elections—Hendley, of the 9th District, Chairman.

Roberts, of the 5th District.

O'Brien, of the 2d District.

McCaskill, of the 1st District.

Barber, of the 29th District.

Engrossed Bills—McLin, of the 23d District, Chairman.

O'Brien, of the 2d District.

Sams, of the 28th District.

Dimick, of the 13th District.

Crill, of the 26th District.

Public Lands—Clark, of the 25th District, Chairman.

Bynum, of the 17th District.

Crosby, of the 15th District.

Wadsworth, of the 10th District.

McCaskill, of the 1st District.

State Boundaries—Wadsworth, of the 10th District, Chairman.

Myers, of the 8th District.
Carson, of the 19th District.
Clark, of the 25th District.
Wilson, of the 4th District.

Mining and Phosphate—Baker, of the 20th District, Chairman.

Crosby, of the 15th District.
Hooker, of the 7th District.
Wadsworth, of the 10th District.
Sams, of the 28th District.

Temperance—Crosby, of the 15th District, Chairman.

Denham, of the 22d District.
McCaskill, of the 1st District.
Clarke, of the 25th District.
Crill, of the 26th District.

Enrolled Bills—Dimick, of the 13th District, Chairman.

Barber, of the 29th District.
Fuller, of the 27th District.
Hooker, of the 7th District.
Blitch, of the 21st District.

Canals and Telegraph—Gaillard, of the 31st District, Chairman.

Rogers, of the 18th District.
Fuller, of the 27th District.
Hendley, of the 9th District.
Dimick, of the 13th District.

Agriculture—Chaires, of the 12th District, Chairman.

Baker, of the 20th District.
Fuller, of the 27th District.
Crosby, of the 15th District.
Roberts, of the 5th District.

Corporations—Rogers, of the 18th District, Chairman.

Denham, of the 22d District.
Roberts, of the 5th District.
Barber, of the 29th District.
Hooker, of the 7th District.

Railroads—Broome, of the 6th District, Chairman.

McCreary, of the 32d District.
Williams, of the 16th District.
Chaires, of the 12th District.
Reeves, of the 3d District.

Legislative Expenses—Blitch, of the 21st District, Chairman.

McLin, of the 23d District.
Baker, of the 20th District.
Clark, of the 25th District.
Williams, of the 16th District.

Immigration—Williams, of the 16th District, Chairman.

Gaillard, of the 31st District.
Baker, of the 20th District.
Wilson, of the 4th District.
Wadsworth, of the 10th District.

State Affairs—Denham, of the 22d District, Chairman.

Reeves, of the 3d District.
Broome, of the 6th District.
McCaskill, of the 1st District.
Harris, of the 24th District.

Public Health—Harris, of the 24th District, Chairman.

McCaskill, of the 1st District.
Fuller, of the 27th District.
Blitch, of the 21st District.
Sams, of the 28th District.

Public Printing—Wilson, of the 4th District, Chairman.

Hooker, of the 7th District.
Broome, of the 6th District.
Baker, of the 20th District.
Hendley, of the 9th District.

Fisheries—Fuller, of the 27th District, Chairman.

Palmer, of the 11th District.
McLin, of the 23d District.
Dimick, of the 13th District.
Chaires, of the 12th District.

Militia—Sams, of the 28th District, Chairman.

Gaillard, of the 31st District.

Rogers, of the 18th District.

Carson, of the 19th District.

Myers, of the 8th District.

Claims—Hooker, of the 7th District, Chairman.

Roberts, of the 5th District.

Myers, of the 8th District.

Harris, of the 24th District.

Broome, of the 6th District.

Indian Affairs—Barber, of the 29th District, Chairman.

Hendley, of the 9th District.

Denham, of the 22d District,

Williams, of the 16th District.

Crill, of the 26th District.

Mr. Blich requested that Mr. Reeves be excused for to-day, on account of sickness.

Mr. Reeves was excused.

Mr. Broome requested a further excuse from attendance for Mr. Myers.

Mr. Myers was excused.

The following special committee under Senate Resolution No. 4 was appointed by the President:

Messrs. Carson, McLin, O'Brien, Crill and Palmer of the 14th.

Mr. Blich moved:

That the action of the Senate yesterday, in referring the various concurrent resolutions to the appropriate standing committees when appointed, be changed so as to refer the said resolutions to the above special committee, appointed under Senate Resolution No. 4.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions were there-upon referred to the special committee of which Mr. Carson is Chairman.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1:

Resolved, the House concurring, That a committee consisting of two, on the part of the Senate, and three from the

House, be appointed to investigate the books, records and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and they are authorized to employ such clerical aid as will enable them to make a thorough investigation.

Together with the amendments pending.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

Resolved, the House concurring, That a committee consisting of two members from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to examine the books, accounts and records of the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and they be allowed to employ such clerical aid as they may find necessary.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3:

Be it Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, That a committee to consist of two from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to investigate the books, accounts and vouchers of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and report to the Senate and House the result of the same; and that said committee is hereby authorized to employ two expert accountants, with such clerical aid as may be necessary.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4:

Resolved, the House concurring, That a committee consisting of two on the part of the Senate and three from the House, be appointed to investigate the books, receipts and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and they are authorized to employ such clerical aid as will enable them to make their regular investigation.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

Resolved, the House Concurring, That a committee consisting of two on the part of the Senate and three from the House, be appointed to investigate the books, receipts and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and they are authorized to employ any clerical and expert aid as will enable them to make a thorough investigation.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6:

Resolved, the House concurring, That a Committee consisting of two on the part of the Senate and three from the House, be appointed to investigate the books, receipts and accounts of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Comptroller and Treasurer, and they are authorized to employ such clerical aid as will enable them to make their regular investigation.

On account of the absence of Mr. Reeves, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 was laid over under the rules until he returns.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Bynum introduced the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8:

By Mr. Bynum:

Be it Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, That a committee to be composed of one on the part of the Senate and two from the House, be appointed to visit the Agricultural College at Lake City, the East Florida Seminary at Gainesville, and the South Florida Military Institute at Bartow, examine into and investigate the present condition of each, and ascertain what improvements, if any, should be made, and report with as little delay as possible their findings to this Legislature, to the end that it may be advised in the matter of appropriations.

Which was laid over, under the rules, until to-morrow.

BILLS REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the division of counties into school districts, for the election of school trustees in the districts, and for the levying and collection of school tax in such districts, and to amend Chapter 4194 of the Acts of the Legislature of Florida, approved June 12, 1893, and Chapter 4336 of the Acts of the Legislature of Florida, approved May 20, 1895.

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

Mr. Hendley moved:

That 100 copies of Senate Bill No. 1 be printed.

Mr. McCreary moved:

To amend by making it 200 copies.

Mr. Hendley accepted the amendment.

Mr. Palmer, of the 14th, moved:

That the bill be read in full.

Which was not agreed to.

The motion to print 200 copies of Senate Bill No. 1 was then agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate proceedings on appeals from County Judges' Courts and Courts of Justices of the Peace.

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

Senate Bill No. 3:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons, and the manufacture and sale of slung shots and metallic knuckles, providing a penalty therefor, and to repeal Chapter 4124, Acts of 1893, relating to the carrying of concealed weapons.

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

Senate Bill No. 4:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to appellate proceedings and practice in civil causes.

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

Senate Bill No. 5:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 26, 61 and 62 of the Laws of Florida, Chapter 4328, 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.

Which was read the first time by its title yesterday; was referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Senate Bill No. 6:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4217 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to organize and establish a County Court in and for Alachua County and to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney for such County Court," approved May 24, A. D. 1893.

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

Senate Bill No. 7:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the giving of official bonds by guarantee or surety companies.

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

Senate Bill No. 8:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of Levy

County by contract and to provide penalties for failure thereof.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Crill:

Senate Bill No. 9:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the redemption of tax certificates now held, or that may hereafter be held, by the State of Florida, after the expiration of two years from the date of the tax-certificate.

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

By Mr. Wilson:

Senate Bill No. 10:

A bill to be entitled an act to make imprisonment in the State Prison a ground for divorce.

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

By Mr. Bynum:

Senate Bill No. 11:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 8 of an act entitled "An act to provide for establishing, working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of the several counties of this State, and to provide penalties for failure thereof," approved May 20, 1895.

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

By Mr. Bynum:

Senate Bill No. 12:

A bill to be entitled an act to empower County Commissioners to employ or hire out county convicts, and to fix the territory in which such convicts may be worked.

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

By Mr. Gaillard:

Senate Bill No. 13:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 560 of Chapter 1, part 1, Title 8, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, in relation to camps of instruction of the Florida State Troops.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 14:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4564, Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to protect and encourage the artificial growth of sponges within the waters of the State of Florida, and conceding certain riparian rights to those engaged therein, and to prescribe a license in certain cases."

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 15:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the appointment and commissioning of auctioneers in the several counties of the State of Florida, and prescribing a license for the same.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 16:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 2 and 46 of Chapter No. 4635, Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to provide for the municipal officers of the City of Key West, a municipal corporation existing in the County of Monroe, Florida, to prescribe their terms of office, provide for their election and appointment, and to regulate their compensation," and to repeal Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, and amendments thereto.

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

By Mr. Dimick:

Senate Bill No. 17:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate "The Florida Surety Company," and to provide and give said company authority to appoint an agent who shall be authorized and empowered by law to investigate, examine and report to the Governor of the State, or to the municipality, the financial condition of all officers, State, county and municipal, of this State, who are required by law to give bond.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to persons convicted in Municipal Courts, and their employment upon streets and public works of municipalities.

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

By Mr. Harris (by request):

Senate Bill No. 19:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Philip L. Crossgrove, of Monroe County, Florida.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 20:

A bill to be entitled an act making the State Health Officer Treasurer of State Board of Health, and providing for his bond as Treasurer.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 21:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the sanitary inspection of hotels and boarding houses by the State Board of Health, and prescribing a penalty for failing to place and keep said buildings in sanitary condition.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 22:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the treatment of suspicious cases of contagious or infectious diseases, prescribing the duties of State and Municipal authorities therein, and providing for necessary costs and expenses thereof.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 23:

A bill to be entitled an act creating a State Bureau of Vital Statistics, and a registrar thereof, and requiring reports of births and deaths, and providing a penalty for failure to make such reports.

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

By Mr. McCreary:

Senate Bill No. 24:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the legal representatives of Allison J. Tinsley.

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

By Mr. McCreary:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 25.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5, of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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

By Mr. McCreary:

Senate Bill No. 26:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2421, Chapter 3, Article 5; of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relative to carrying of concealed weapons.

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

By Mr. Dimick:

Senate Bill No. 27:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Insurance Company, and to provide when and how said company may lawfully do business in this State.

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

Mr. Bynum moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

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