

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 60 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 61:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Cottondale, Jackson County, Florida, and to provide for the election of municipal officers.

Was taken up and read the second time in full, together with the committee amendment.

Mr. Bynum moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 61, as amended, was ordered referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Myers moved the Judiciary Committee be authorized to employ a clerk.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCreary moved:

That the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Harris moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Which was not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. McCreary, that the Senate be now adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning was agreed to.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 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, Blich, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Clark, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Palmer of the 11th, Reeves, 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.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS
AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Barber introduced the following resolution:

By Mr. Barber:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17:

Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, That a joint committee, consisting of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, be appointed to investigate the tax redemption department of the Comptroller's and Treasurer's offices, and that they be empowered to employ such clerical aid as they find necessary to make a thorough investigation:

Which was read the first time and laid over under the rules.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication:

House of Representatives Hall,
April 12, 1899.

To the Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

And the Hon. Members Thereof:

You are informed that a committee of the House of Representatives of the State of Florida was appointed by the Hon. Speaker thereof to invite the several Senatorial candidates to address the House, that the said candidates have accepted said invitation, and will address the House on next Monday night at 8 o'clock, in behalf of said committee. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to you to be present on that occasion.

Respectfully,

W. A. MacWILLIAMS,

Chairman.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 74:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4065 (No. 56), Laws of Florida, Acts 1891, entitled an act to keep in

repair all public roads and bridges and to open new roads in the County of Orange and State of Florida.

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

By Mr. Wilson:

Senate Bill No. 75:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 4557, Acts of 1897, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the catching or taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida.

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

By Mr. McCreary:

Senate Bill No. 76:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing rule days and trial terms in County Judges' courts and courts of Justices of the Peace, and repealing Chapter 4385, Laws of Florida.

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

By Mr. Rogers:

Senate Bill No. 77:

A bill to be entitled an act to make an appropriation in aid of a monument commemorative of the Battle of Olustee and to provide for a commission to expend said appropriation.

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

By Mr. Crill:

Senate Bill No. 78:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for Teachers' Summer Schools and to make appropriations therefor.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 79:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 938, Chapter 20, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida relating to port commissioners to be appointed and to act as port wardens (No. 57), Chapter 4171, Laws of Florida.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 80:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1592, Title 5, Article 2, Revised Statutes, relative to pay of County Judges of this State.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 81:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring owners of fences crossing public highways to construct gates, and to grade the road approaching said gates, and providing a penalty for failure so to do.

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

By Mr. Adams (by request):

Senate Bill No. 82:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4535, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the holding of political primary elections in the State of Florida, for the nomination of delegates to political conventions, or of candidates for any elective office under the laws of this State.

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

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 83:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the widow of Rev. Jerry B. Smith, late Senator from Hamilton County.

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

Mr. O'Brien requested that he be permitted to withdraw Senate Bill No. 31.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 31 was withdrawn.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 16:

Concurrent Resolution relative to the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company.

Mr. Fuller moved:

To refer House Concurrent Resolution No. 16 to the Committee of which Mr. Carson is Chairman, under Senate Resolution No. 4.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved:

To lay House Concurrent Resolution No. 16 on table, subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15:

By Mr. Blitch:

Relating to the publication of the pay rolls as certified to the State Treasurer, showing the time served and the amount paid, and to whom paid, of all clerks not provided for in the act fixing the pay of members, officers and attaches.

Be it Resolved, by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That the pay rolls as certified to the State Treasurer showing the amount of money paid by him to committee clerks, and all other clerks, not provided for in the act fixing the pay of members and officers and attaches, giving the name of the clerk, the time served, and the amount paid, be published in the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Was taken up and read the second time in full

Mr. Blitch moved the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15.

Which was agreed to.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee Fla., April 12, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 25:

To make an investigation of the acts and doings of the Railroad Commission of the State of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 25, contained in the above message, was read the first time and laid over under the rules.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 12, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 28:

For the appointment of a joint committee to visit and investigate the West Florida Seminary and State Normal and Industrial College.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 28, contained in the above message, was read the first time and laid over under the rules.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 11, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

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

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 27:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 11, of Chapter 4382, Laws of Florida; being an act to increase the criminal jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in counties where county courts have not been established.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 27, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 12, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

Sir—Your Committee on Railroads to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 69:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for completing the Carrabelle, Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad, and to preserve and continue the grant of lands heretofore made to aid in its construction.

Beg leave to report that they have given same due consideration and unanimously recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 69, contained in the above report was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Public Printing, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 12, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

Sir—Your Committee on Public Printing to whom was referred—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 23:

Authorizing the Chairman of Committee on Public Printing to order Journals to be printed in pamphlet form.

Beg leave to report that we have carefully considered same and recommend that it do pass, with the committee amendment attached thereto.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson moved:

That House Concurrent Resolution No. 23, as amended, be adopted.

Which was agreed to.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 12, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments, viz:

In section 1, beginning with the 18th line, strike out the words, "Within the Judicial Circuit in which is located the jail in which such prisoner was sentenced to be confined; but no such prisoner shall be carried or forced to work beyond the limits of the Judicial Circuit in which is located the county in which he was tried and sentenced;" and insert in lieu thereof the words, "In this State." And in the bill, strike out the words, "And to fix the territory in which such convicts may be worked."

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Reeves moved:

To re-commit Senate Bill No. 12, with the amendments, to the Committee on Judiciary.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 12 was re-committed to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 11, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 66:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4548 of the Laws of Florida, Acts of 1897, entitled an act to require the official phosphate sampler of each port of this State from which phosphates are shipped to inspect each and every car of phosphate arriving at such port for shipment, and to issue certificates for the same, and to provide his compensation therefor.

Beg to report that we have carefully examined same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

D. H. BAKER,

Chairman of Committee

And Senate Bill No. 66, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Fuller, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 12, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—

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.

Have carefully considered the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 14, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 12, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 51:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the traveling expenses of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix a penalty for willful and malicious injury to dams.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 70:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the liability of sellers to purchasers of lands for unpaid taxes.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 73:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the term of office for commissioners of deeds, and to provide a time when the commissions of commissioners of deeds heretofore appointed shall expire, and to declare valid the acts of commissioners of deeds when commissions are more than four years since issued.

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 51, 52, 70 and 73, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

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."

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Harris moved:

That the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 14 be placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 14 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 66:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4548 of the Laws of Florida, Acts of 1897, entitled an act to require the official phosphate sampler of each port of this State from

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 66 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 69:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for completing the Carrabelle, Tallahassee & Georgia Railroad, and to preserve and continue the grant of lands heretofore made to aid in its construction.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Myers moved:

That the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 69 be placed on Calendar of bills on third reading, without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 69 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 51:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payments of the traveling expenses of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th, moved:

That the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 51 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 51 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas,—Messrs. Baker, Barber, Blich, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Palmer of 11th, Reeves, Roberts, Rogers, Sams, Williams, Wilson—25.

Nays—Mr. President, Mr. Wadsworth—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 73:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the term of office for Commissioners of Deeds, and to provide a time when the commissions of Commissioners of Deeds heretofore appointed shall expire, and to declare valid the acts of Commissioners of Deeds when commissions are more than four years since issued.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 73 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 70:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the liability of sellers to purchasers of land for unpaid taxes.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 70 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix a penalty for willful and malicious injuries to dams.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 52 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

By Permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 12, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

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

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.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 8:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for working, repair

ing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of Levy County by contract and to provide penalties for failure thereof.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 31:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate suits against municipal corporations for injuries resulting from defects in streets, sidewalks or other public places.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 35:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit any one from placing water hyacinths in any of the streams or waters of the State of Florida, and to prescribe a penalty therefor.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 49:

A bill to be entitled an act directing a settlement with W. S. Jennings, as surety on the bond of C. B. Collins, ex-State Treasurer, and that the Attorney-General enter satisfaction of said judgment.

Have examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

R. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 6, 8, 31, 35 and 49, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 12, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate.

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

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.

Also,

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.

Also,

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.

Have examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 20, 11 and 9, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 12, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Joint Resolution No. 44, being committee substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 44:

Proposing an amendment to Section 5, of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Also,

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.

Have examined the same and find them correctly engrossed; and also find

Senate Memorial No. 37:

A memorial to our Senators and Representatives in Congress in reference to a duty on Egyptian or long staple cotton, or the importation thereof.

Correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 5, Senate Memorial No. 37, and committee substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 44, contained in the above, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Crill introduced:

Senate Bill No. 84:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issuing of one million, thirty-two thousand, five hundred dollars of bonds for the purpose of refunding and redeeming the seven per cent. bonds issued under act of the Legislature, passed January 26, 1891, and the six per cent. bonds issued under an act of the Legislature, approved February 21, 1873, and the manuscript bonds issued under an act of the Legislature, approved February 16, 1885.

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

Mr. Harris moved:

That the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 21 be recalled from the Committee on Engrossed Bills and be placed on Calendar of bills on second reading.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 21 was recalled from the committee and placed on Calendar of bills on second reading.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate Bill No. 33:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2 of "An act entitled an act to regulate the terms of the County Courts in this State, and to prescribe the duties and com-

compensation of the officers thereof," the same being Chapter 4406, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1895.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. McCreary requested unanimous consent to amend Senate Bill No. 33 on its third reading.

Which was granted.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 33:

After the word "the," being the fourth word of the first line in Section 1, strike out the words "County Judge," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Judge of the County Court."

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was unanimously agreed to.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Barber, Blich, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Fuller Gaillard, Harris, Hooker McCaskill, McCreary, McIn Myers, Palmer of the 11th, Reeves, Roberts, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 59:

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

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Myers moved:

That Senate Bill No. 59 be placed back on calendar bills on second reading and 200 copies be printed.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 59 was placed back upon its second reading.

Senate Bill No. 34:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the burning woods, forests and prairie lands in Osceola County, Florida.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Barber, Blich, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Clark, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Fuller, Gaillard, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, O'Brien, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson—23.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Myers, Palmer of 11th, Reeves, Roberts—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 62:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 591 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, defining the purposes for, and prescribing and regulating the manner in which county bonds may issue.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Barber, Blich, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Clark, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Fuller, Gaillard, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Palmer of 11th, Reeves, Roberts, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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—

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 14 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 69:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for completing the Carrabelle, Tallahassee & Georgia Railroad, and to preserve and continue the grant of lands heretofore made to aid in its construction.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Blich, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Fuller, Gaillard, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers.

O'Brien, Reeves, Roberts, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 35:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit any one from placing water hyacinths in any of the streams or waters of the State of Florida, and to prescribe a penalty therefor.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Carson requested unanimous consent to amend Senate Bill No. 35 on its third reading.

Objection was made.

Mr. Carson moved that Senate Bill No. 35 be placed on its second reading for amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 35 was placed back on Calendar of bills on second reading.

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.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Barber, Blich, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Fuller, Gaillard, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, Reeves, Roberts, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Barber, Blitch, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Reeves, Roberts, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Barber moved:

That Senate Bill No. 9 be laid on the table and 200 copies be printed.

Which was not agreed to.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Baker, Blitch, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Palmer of 11th, Roberts, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson—25.

Nays—Mr. President, Mr. Reeves—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Barber was excused from voting.

Mr. Harris moved that the vote on Senate Bill No. 9 be reconsidered.

Mr. Harris moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 49:

A bill to be entitled an act directing a settlement with W. S. Jennings, as surety on the bond of C. B. Collins, ex-State Treasurer, and that the Attorney-General enter satisfaction of said judgment.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Myers moved that the further consideration of Senate Bill No. 49 be postponed until to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

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.

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 20 be re-committed to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 20 was re-committed to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Blich, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Denham, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McLin, O'Brien, Palmer of the 11th, Reeves, Roberts, Rogers, Williams, Wilson—20.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Crill, Crosby, McCaskill, McCreary, Myers, Wadsworth—7.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Memorial No. 37:

To our Senators and Representatives in Congress, in reference to a duty on Egyptian or long staple cotton, or the importation thereof.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the memorial the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Blich, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Roberts, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth—21.

Nays—Messrs. Myers, O'Brien, Reeves, Williams, Wilson—5.

So the memorial passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 5:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 26, 61 a 62 of the Laws of Florida, Chapter 4328, entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified vo

in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections and for the returns of elections.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Blitch, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Denham, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, O'Brien, Reeves, Roberts, Wadsworth, Wilson—18.

Nays—Messrs. Broome, Crosby, Fuller, Gaillard, Myers, Palmer of 11th, Rogers, Sams—8.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Roberts asked to be excused from attendance until Monday.

Mr. Roberts was excused.

Committee substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 44: A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the election of County Commissioners.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Pending the consideration of which—

Mr. Myers moved to adjourn until tomorrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

Mr. O'Brien moved to adjourn to 10:30 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10:30 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 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, Blitch, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Reeves, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Wilson—23.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.