

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 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, Gailard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brice, Palmer of 11th, Reeves, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth. Wilson—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Wilson moved that 200 copies of the corrected Journal be printed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to gather together all the copies of the Journal of this morning and destroy them.

Which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Blitch:

Senate Bill No. 91:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of bicycle paths, and to provide penalties for trespass thereon

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

By Mr. Sams:

Senate Bill No. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 982, Chapter 6, Article 1, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to infants, lunatics, etc.

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 2 and 6, and House Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 2 and 3, together with the re-

port of Committee on Clerical Aid, on these resolutions, with an amendment to House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Was taken up.

Mr. Carson moved that the committee amendment to House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 be adopted.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 as amended.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Reeves moved that the reports of committees be spread on the Journal without reading.

Which was agreed to.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 43:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of fishes in the waters of the State of Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 53:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 4557, of the Laws of the State of Florida, entitled "An act

to regulate the catching or taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida," approved May 29, 1897.

Beg leave to report we have examined both the said bills, and hereby submit substitute for both said bills, and recommend that said substitute do pass.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 43 and 53, contained in the above report, together with substitute for both bills were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Gaillard, Chairman of the Committee on Canals and Telegraphs, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Canals and Telegraph, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 68:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for completing the canal of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, and to preserve and continue the grant of land to aid in its construction.

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

Very Respectfully,

H. GAILLARD,

Chairman of Committee

And Senate Bill No. 68, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 47:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a State Board of Medical Examiners of the Eclectic School of Medicine and to prescribe the qualifications, duties and powers of said board.

Have carefully examined the same and beg leave to recommend that the same be passed.

Very respectfully,

W. HUNT HARRIS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 47, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The motion of Mr. Hooker to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed Senate Bill No. 33.

Was taken up.

The motion to reconsider was agreed to.

Mr. McCreary moved that Senate Bill No. 33 lay on the table, subject to call.

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.

Mr. Myers moved that Senate Bill No. 49 be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Which was agreed to.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

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.

Mr. Hooker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 59 (Printed Bill.)

In line 20, between the words "convey" and "the," insert the words "confirm and defend the title to."

Mr. Hooker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which—

Mr. McLin moved that Senate Bill No 59, together with the amendment, be made a special order for next Wednesday, and come up first under "Orders of the Day" at that time.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and that messages from the House of Representatives be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 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. 29:

Relative to the investigation of the Board of Health and the quarantine stations.

Also,

The House has refused to concur in Senate amendments to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, relative to the investigation of the offices of Comptroller and Treasurer, and would respectfully request the Senate to recede from its amendments to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 29, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and that House Concurrent Resolution No. 29 be read a second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 29 was read the second time.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution No. 29.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that the Senate refuses to recede from its amendment to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, contained in the above message and asked for a committee of conference thereon.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed as such committee of conference on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Carson, Crill and McLin.

Also the following:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 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—

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.

Also,

Senate Memorial No. 64:

A memorial to Congress asking that the County of Levy be changed from the Northern to the Southern Federal Judicial District.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Memorials Nos. 37 and 64, contained in the above message, were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 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—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11:

Relative to visiting State institutions, convict camps, etc.

Also,

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14:

Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, That a committee of two from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to examine into the method of keeping record of proceedings of the two houses, and to report their findings and recommendations.

Also,

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15:

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

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The President appointed as a committee on the part of the Senate under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, contained in the above message, Messrs. McLin and Reeves.

The President appointed as a committee on the part of the Senate under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14, contained in the above message. Messrs. Fuller and Denham.

Consideration of bills on second reading was resumed.

Senate Bill No. 10:

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

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Wilson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 10:

After the word "imprisoned," on line 8 of Section 1, add the following: "Provided that no divorce shall be granted under the provisions of this act unless it shall be shown by the bill, and proof, that such sentence or conviction has been finally affirmed by the highest appellate court to which the case shall be carried, if there has been an appeal taken, or writ of error sued out, or that the time for taking such appeal, or suing out a writ of error, has expired, in case no appeal from such conviction shall have been taken."

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to, and Senate Bill No. 10, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 36:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2707 of Revised Statutes of Florida, in relation to the purchase of seed cotton between the hours of sunset and sunrise, and providing penalty therefor.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Wilson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 36:

Strike out the words after enacting clause and before the words "Section 1," on the first line of said section, and insert the following: "Section 1. That Section 2709 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, in relation to the purchase of seed cotton between the hours of sunset and sunrise, and providing penalty therefor, is amended so as to read as follows:"

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 36, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 43:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of fishes in the waters of the State of Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with substitute proposed by the Committee on Fisheries for Senate Bill No. 43.

Mr. Fuller moved the adoption of the committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 43.

Which was agreed to.

And committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 43 was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Fuller moved to indefinitely postpone Senate Bill No. 53.

Which was agreed to.

The record was ordered changed so as to make the report of the Committee on Fisheries read: Substitute for Senate Bill No. 43.

Senate Bill No. 68:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for completing the canal of the Florida Coast Line and Transportation Company, and to preserve and continue the grant of land to aid in its construction.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Gaillard moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 68 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. 68 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 47:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a State Board of Medical Examiners of the Eclectic School of Medicine, and to prescribe the qualifications, duties and powers of said Board.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Carson moved the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 47 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. 47 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate Bill No. 63:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Frank F. Saxon, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Hernando County.

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of 11th, requested that Senate Bill No. 63 be passed over on account of the absence of Mr. Hendley.

Which was agreed to.

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 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, Crill, Crosby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, Palmer of 11th, Reeves, Sams, Wadsworth, Wilson—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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 the third time in full.

Mr. Reeves moved that Senate Bill No. 70 be placed back on second reading for amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 70 was placed on Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Crill asked to be excused until Monday next.

Mr. Crill was excused.

Mr. Wilson asked to be excused until Monday next.

Mr. Wilson was excused.

Mr. Wilson asked to be allowed to withdraw Senate Bill No. 61.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers moved:

That the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 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, Blich, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Crosby, Denham, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien,