

Mr. Wadsworth asked to be excused until Monday next.

Mr. Wadsworth was excused.

Mr. O'Brien asked to be excused until Monday next.

Mr. O'Brien was excused.

Mr. Fuller asked to be excused until Tuesday next.

Mr. Fuller was excused.

Mr. Hooker moved:

That the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. Monday.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock.

CONFIRMATIONS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

For Gadsden County:

District No. 1—B. H. Hinson, of Concord, Fla.

District No. 2—W. M. Corry, of Quincy, Fla.

District No. 3—Mortimer Bates, of Mt. Pleasant, Fla.

District No. 4—F. M. Wells, of Greensborough, Fla.

District No. 5—E. T. Sheftall, of Quincy, Fla.

For Walton County:

District No. 1—John R. Ray, of Knoxville, Fla.

District No. 2—A. L. Anderson, of Union, Fla.

District No. 3—John E. Bowers, of DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

District No. 4—J. H. Givens, of Laurel Hill, Fla.

District No. 5—R. P. Bludworth, of Free Port, Fla.

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names.

Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Barber, Blicht, Broome, Carson, Chares, Crill, Crosby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Palmer of 11th, Rogers, Sams, Williams, Wilson—24.

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 BILLS.

By Mr. Myers.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 100:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 25, Article III of the Constitution of Florida.

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

By Mr. Wilson (By request):

Senate Bill No. 101:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Minnie E. Kehoe, for services as stenographer in Circuit Court, Jackson County.

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

By Mr. Dimick:

Senate Bill No. 102:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1478 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to residence required in order to obtain a divorce.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Barber moved:

That the reports of Committees be spread on the Journal, and the bills therein contained take their proper place on the Calendar.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 15, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams.

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 94:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City Electric and Water Company.

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

Very respectfully,

C. B. ROGERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 94, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 10:

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

Also,

Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act confirming the rights, powers and franchises of the Tropical Development and Navigation Company of Florida, and granting aid thereto, approved May 25, 1895.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 46:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for establishing, working and repairing, and maintaining the public roads and bridges of Lake County of this State.

Have examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 10, 67 and 46, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 42:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Wrought Iron Range Company.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 40:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2, Chapter 4214, Laws of Florida, being an act to better protect the oyster beds of this State, approved May 30, 1893.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 70:

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

Also,

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.

Also,

Committee substitute for:

Senate Bill No. 43:

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

Beq leave to report that they have examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee

And Senate Bills Nos. 42, 40, 70, 36 and 43, containing the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on first reading.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following act, with the accompanying veto message,

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 of Florida for the Board of Health of the State of Florida.

Was taken up.

On the question: "Shall the act pass, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?"

The vote was:

Yeas—None.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Barber, Blitch, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Reeves, Rogers, Sams, Williams, Wilson—24.

So the veto of the Governor was sustained.

Senate Bill No. 41:

A bill to be entitled an act to cause to be audited and paid the account of James C. Porter, proprietor and manager of the Ocala Evening Star, a newspaper published in the City of Ocala, Florida, his charges for publishing the tax sales list of real estate once each week for four consecutive weeks, of Marion County, State of Florida, for the year A. D. 1896, based on warrant of assessment made under the provisions of Chapter 4332, Laws of Florida, for the year 1896.

Was taken up.

Mr. Baker moved that Senate Bill No. 41 be placed back on its second reading for amendments.

Which was agreed to.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 94:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City Electric and Water Company.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 94 be read a third time and put upon its passage, Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 94 was read a 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, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Reeves, Rogers, Sams, Williams, Wilson—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 41:

A bill to be entitled an act to cause to be audited and paid the account of James C. Porter, proprietor and manager of the Ocala Evening Star, a newspaper published in the City of Ocala, Florida, his charges for publishing the tax sales list of real estate once each week for four consecutive weeks, of Marion County, State of Florida, for the year A. D. 1896, based on warrant of assessment made under the provisions of Chapter 4332, Laws of Florida, for the year 1896.

Was taken up for amendment, having been put back on Calendar of bills on second reading for amendment.

Mr. Baker offered the following amendment:

Strike out the words and figures "Two thousand, three hundred and fourteen and eighty one hundredths dollars," in Section 1, of lines 1, 2 and 3, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "One thousand, seven hundred and thirty-six and ten one hundredth dollars."

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 41, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate Bill No. 40:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for establishing, working and repairing, and maintaining the public roads and bridges of Lake County, of this State.

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, Blichson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Har-
 , Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien,
 Imer, Reeves, Rogers, Sams, Williams, Wilson—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act confirming the rights, powers and franchises of the Tropical Development and Navigation Company of Florida, and granting aid thereto, approved May 25, 1895.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Hooker moved that Senate Bill No. 67 be laid on the table subject to call;

Which was agreed to.

Committee substitute for—

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Senate Bill, No. 43:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 2 and 5 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.

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris moved that 200 copies be printed for the use of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller moved that the vote to print just taken be reconsidered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Harris withdrew his motion to print.

Mr. Fuller requested that the committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 43 be passed informally.

Which was granted.

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 third time in full.

Mr. Wilson moved that Senate Bill No. 10 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

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 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, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Dimick, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Palmer, Reeves, Williams, 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 lands for unpaid taxes.

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, Barber, Blich, Broome, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Dimick, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Palmer of 11th, Reeves, Sams, Williams, Wilson—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 40:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2, Chapter 4214, Laws of Florida, being an act to better protect the oyster beds of this State, approved May 30, 1893.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Palmer, of the 11th, moved that Senate Bill No. 40 be recommitted to Committee on Fisheries.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be waived and that all bills passed by the Senate this morning be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and the bills were so certified.

By permission—

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Conference Committee on the part of the Senate on House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Resolution No. 1, with Senate amendments thereto, Have met the House Conference Committee on same subject and have agreed that the House committee will recommend that the House recede from their disagreement to the Senate amendments, and that the House agree to the said Senate amendments.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was read.

By permission—

Mr. Palmer of the 11th, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 56:

Proposing an amendment to Section 15 of Article V., of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the election of State Attorneys by direct vote of the people,

Beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same and recommend that the same do not pass.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS PALMER,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 56, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Wilson introduced the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18:

Be it Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Board of State Institutions be requested

to change, modify or recast, if possible and practicable, that portion of the contract with the State Printer, embraced in "Class B," in reference to printing the Legislative Journals, so as to have the Journal printed in pamphlet form in lieu of the form for which contract was made.

Which was laid over under the rules.

By permission Mr. Harris introduced—

Senate Bill No. 103:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Lee to adopt rules and regulations for the use and preservation of wild game, birds of song and plumage, and wild animals the skins of which are of commercial value.

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

By permission Mr. Harris introduced—

Senate Bill No. 104:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 11, Chapter 4621, No. 107 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 4th, 1897.

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

By permission Mr. Harris introduced

Senate Bill No. 105:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the immediate necessities of the State Board of Health, and providing for the annual levy and collection of special tax for public health purposes.

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

Mr. Myers moved:

That the Senate adjourn until 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until Tuesday at 11 o'clock.