

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tem. in the chair.

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

Messrs. Baker,	Dimick,	O'Brien,
Blitch,	Gaillard,	Palmer of 11th,
Broome,	Harris,	Palmer of 14th,
Bynum,	Hendley,	Roberts,
Carson,	Hooker,	Rogers,
Chaires,	McCaskill,	Sams,
Crill,	McCreary,	Wadsworth,
Crosby,	McLin,	Williams,
Denham,	Myers,	Wilson.

Answering roll-call—27.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

On motion of Mr. Dimick,

The Secretary was excused until Monday, Hon. C. A. Finley taking his place for to-morrow.

Mr. Sams asked to be excused until Monday afternoon after today.

Mr. Sams was excused.

Mr. Chaires moved that the committee to examine the Commissioner of Agriculture and Internal Improvement Fund be allowed two additional clerks.

Which was agreed to.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 153:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Baptist Convention.

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

By Mr. McCreary:

Senate Bill No. 154:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from wearing badges, emblems or devices of secret organizations of which they are not members.

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

### CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

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.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Carson moved to indefinitely postpone Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17.

Which was agreed to.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 40:

Whereas, The war officials at Washington, D. C., did send a negro paymaster with negro clerks to Jacksonville, Fla., for the purpose of paying off the white troops stationed there during the war with Spain, and

Whereas, Such action on the part of Secretary of War Alger was unprecedented, and known to be against the wishes of the troops and the white people of this State; therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That we condemn such action as being unwise, unjust and unnecessary.

Resolved, further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the United States War Department at Washington, D. C.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Crill offered the following amendment to House Concurrent Resolution No. 40:

Strike out the words "Secretary of War Alger" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The war officials at Washington, D. C."

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved to indefinitely postpone House Resolution No. 40.

Which was agreed to.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 30:

Be it Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a committee of two from the House ar

one from the Senate be appointed to investigate the lands belonging to the estate of John F. Dunn, deceased, and report how many of the same have been sold to the State of Florida for taxes, and how many to individuals, and at what time the period will expire for redeeming same, and that Treasurer Whitfield be requested to detail a clerk expert in matters of investigating tax sales and tax redemptions, to assist said committee.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Hooker moved the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution No. 30.

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 26, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 46:

To be entitled an act to exempt the Counties of Wakulla and Franklin from the enforcement of the provisions of Chapter 4558, Section 4, Laws of Florida, approved June 4, 1897, the same being an act for the protection of fishes in the waters of the State.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 46, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries,

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 118:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1615 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to trial of cause before Justices of the Peace and County Judges as ex-officio Justices of the Peace.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 118, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the committee on Constitutional Amendments.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 157:

To be entitled an act for the relief of John R. Scott, ex-Treasurer of Sumter County, Florida, and for the relief of his bondsmen.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 157, contained in the above message was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 249:

To be entitled an act to provide for the opening, grading, curbing and otherwise improving streets, parks, sidewalks and other public places in the City of Tampa; the repair and maintenance thereof, and for assessments against the abutting property for improvements, including such as may have been completed or may now be in progress of construction, and the enforcement and collection thereof.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the House thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 249, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 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 passed—

House Joint Resolution No. 17:

Resolution authorizing the Governor to offer a reward for apprehension and conviction of certain felons.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Joint Resolution No. 17, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. McCreary, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 28, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Appropriations to whom was referred—

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.

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

Very respectfully,

H. H. McCREARY,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 77, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 28, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 124:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of P. F. Glenn, C. H. Glenn, B. N. Faircloth, citizens of Gadsden County, Florida, and W. B. Chester and J. B. Edwards, citizens of Liberty County, Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and report favorably thereon.

With the following amendment:

In Section 1, between the words "Faircloth and Citizens," insert the words "W. F. Skipper," and recommend that, as thus amended, the bill pass.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No 124, contained in the above report, together with committee amendments, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 28, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 88:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of D. C. Hull,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Sumter County.

Have had the same under consideration and unanimously  
recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 88, contained in the above report, was  
placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and  
Taxation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 28, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation to whom  
was referred:

Senate Bill No. 147:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for an investigation of  
the tax sale certificates and certified lists of land now held by

the State of Florida, making a list of the same by counties; also a separate list of those that are defective for any cause; making a summary and requiring a complete permanent record of the same.

Have examined same and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 147, 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 23, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 142:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2854 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, specifying the number of jurors in civil and criminal cases.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and would recommend the following amendment:

Amend the title by striking out the words "civil and criminal" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "certain."

And as thus amended that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 142, contained in the above report, together with committee amendment, 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 28, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

## Senate Bill No. 126:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1658, Revised Statutes, relating to notice of institution of suit and service, and contents in cases of attachment and garnishment;

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and would recommend the following amendments:

(1) Insert after the title the following:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That Section 1658 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida be amended so as to read as follows:

1658 Service and Contents of.

(2) In line 1 of the bill strike out the words "or garnishment."

(3) Strike out all after the words "County Judge" in the third line from the bottom and insert in lieu thereof the words, "the publication shall be only one month, and when the amount of the debt claimed does not exceed twenty dollars the notice may be posted for one month in three public places in the County, instead of being published in a newspaper."

(4) Amend the title by striking out the words, "and garnishment."

And as thus amended that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 126, contained in the above report, together with committee amendments, 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 23, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 129:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to writs of error in criminal cases from inferior courts to the Supreme Court.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and would recommend the following amendment:

In line 3 of Section 1, strike out the word and figure

“forty (40)” and insert in lieu thereof the word and figure “sixty (60).”

And as thus amended that it do pass.

Very Respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 129, contained in the above report, together with committee amendment, 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 28, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—Senate Bill No. 38:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to a change of venue in criminal cases in the courts of Justices of the Peace, where the Justice has final jurisdiction.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and would recommend the accompanying substitute therefor:

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 38:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to changes of venue in criminal cases in the Courts of County Judges and Justices of the Peace.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this act changes of venue in criminal cases in the Courts of County Judges and Justices of the Peace, may be had from the County Judge's Court to the Court of a Justice of the Peace, and from one Justice District to another, or, from a Justice District to the County Judge's Court, upon the same ground, and, as near as practicable, in like manner, and under the same rules and regulations as are prescribed by statute for changes of venue in criminal cases in the Circuit Courts from one County to another; Provided, That County Judges and Justices of the Peace shall not grant a change of venue to any Court out of the limits of their own County: and, Provided further: That this act shall not apply to cases in which Coun-

ty Judges and Justices of the Peace have only commitment jurisdiction.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 38, 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 23, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 128:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issue of bonds by the town of Marianna for the construction of water works and other purposes and providing for the payment of the interest on and the principal of such bonds.

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 128, 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 28, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 130:

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 for a uniform system of legal examinations.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 133:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Southwestern Railroad Company to abandon its railroad, and to take up, remove and otherwise dispose of its rails and other property, and to revoke the unsatisfied land grants to the Green Cove Springs and Melrose Railroad Company, and the Western Railway Company of Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 140:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the opening, grading, paving, curbing and otherwise improving the streets, parks, sidewalks and other public places in the City of Tampa; the construction of sewers therein; the repair and maintenance thereof and for assessments against the abutting property for such improvements, including such as may have been completed or may now be in process of construction, and the enforcement and collection thereof.

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. 130, 133 and 140, contained in the above report, were 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 28, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 55:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1615 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to trial of causes before Justices of the Peace and County Judges as ex-officio Justices of the Peace.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 138:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the filing in the office of the Secretary of State a correct printed copy of the proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives as approved each day during any session of the Legislature in lieu of the record of the proceedings as heretofore required by the

Senate and House separately, to be prepared by Recording Clerks.

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills No. 55 and 138, contained in the above reports, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Bynum, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 28, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on City and County Organization to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 30:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 676 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to streets, pavements and sidewalks, and to fix the liabilities of persons failing to construct or repair sidewalks.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and with the amendment attached to said bill by them, recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. H. T. BYNUM,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 30, contained in the above report, together with committee amendments, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 28, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 116:

An act for the relief of John E. King, ex-Tax Collector of Citrus County, Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 69:

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.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 135.

An act authorizing the construction of bridges for private use by persons or corporations across the Withlacoochee and Wekiva rivers.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 43:

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.

Beg to report that we have examined the same and find all of them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

The acts contained in the above report, were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

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Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1899.

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Also,

An act to amend Section two (2) of Chapter 4581, of the Laws of 1897, being an act to repeal Chapter 4218, Laws of 1893, entitled "An Act to organize a County Court in and for Citrus County and prescribe terms thereof, etc.

Be it left to report that they have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

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

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 28, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act directing a settlement with W. S. Jennings of the judgment in favor of the State of Florida, against said 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.

Also,

A memorial to the Commissioner of Agriculture of the United States, asking that certain experiments required in the interest of cattle owners in certain districts of this State receive attention by the Department of Agriculture of the United States.

Beg to report that they have examined the same and find them all correctly enrolled.

Very Respectfully,

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Also,

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Also,

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Beg leave to report that they have presented the same to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Very respectfully,

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Also,

An act to amend Section two (2) of Chapter 4581, of the Laws of 1897, being an act to repeal Chapter 4218, Laws of 1893, entitled "An Act to organize a County Court in and for Citrus County and prescribe terms thereof, etc.

Beg to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and that the same are presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1899.

Hon Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—  
House Bill No. 48:

To be entitled an act relating to the importation and sale of vegetable seed in the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that upon inspecting said bill they find two interlineations therein made in pencil, and while they are satisfied that such interlineations were made by authority of the House of Representatives, they are of the opinion that it is not good practice for matters passing between the two houses to be in a shape so easily subject to alteration, and they respectfully recommend that the said bill be returned to the House of Representatives with a message from this body calling attention to the matter, so that they may take such action in the premises as they may see fit.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Myers moved that the report of the committee be adopted, and the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the reason for the return of the bill.

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Governor.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 82 be taken up out of its order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

House Bill No. 82:

To be entitled an act for the preservation of wild deer, birds and other game and to prescribe the time within which they may be hunted and prescribing a penalty for any violation thereof.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Blich offered the following amendment to House Bill No 82:

Strike out the words (in Sec. 1) "the months of October, November, December and January of each year," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Four successive months of each year, said four successive months of each year to be designated and set apart in each county by the County Commissioners."

Mr. Blich moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Blich offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 82:

Strike out the words "October, November, December and January" in Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "July, August and September."

Mr. Blich moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 82:

On page 2, Section 3, after the word "partridge," strike out the words "save only from the first day of November until the first day of March of any year."

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Blich moved that House Bill No. 82 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be further waived and that the bill be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the bill was read a third time in full.

The roll being called.

The vote was:

Yeas—

Messrs—

Baker,

Bynum,

Carson,

Crill,

Dimick,

Gaillard,

Harris,

Hooker,

McLin,

Myers,

O'Brien,

Palmer of 14th,

Palmer of 11th,

Roberts,

Rogers,

Sams,

Wadsworth—17.

Nays—Messrs—

Blitch,	Crosby,	McCreary,
Broome,	Denham,	Williams—8.
Chaires,	McCaskill,	

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 82 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 82 was so certified.

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 a second time in full.

Mr. Hooker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 67:

Strike out the words in Section 5, line 3 "from the expiration of its charter as extended by this act," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "From the completion of its system of canals."

Mr. Hooker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 67, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 132:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4337 of the Acts of the Legislature of Florida, approved June 1, 1895, relating to the levying and collection of taxes for the support of schools in sub-districts.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the amendment of the Judiciary Committee.

The following amendment was read:

Strike out the title and insert the following in lieu thereof:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend "An act to amend Section 3, Chapter 4194, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for school sub-districts in counties and towns and to provide for the levying and collection of taxes for the support of schools in such sub-districts, approved June 2, 1893, being Chapter 4337 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 1, 1895.

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the amendment.  
Which was agreed to.

The following amendment was read:

Insert after the title the following:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida.

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following amendment was read:

In line 1 Section 1, strike out "Chap" and insert "Chapter." After the figures "433:" in line 1, Section 1, insert "of the Laws of Florida."

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the amendment,  
Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 132, as amended, was ordered referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 120:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for commencement of work of the Etoniah Canal and Drainage Company.

Which was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 120 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 110:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 110 be passed informally, retaining its place on the Calendar, and that 200 copies of the bill be printed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hooker raised the point of "no quorum."

The President pro tem ordered a call of the roll.

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

Messrs. Baker,	Denham,	McLin,
Blitch,	Gaillard,	O'Brien,
Broome,	Harris,	Palmer of 11th,
Carson,	Hendley,	Rogers,
Crill,	Hooker,	Williams,
Crosby,	McCaskill,	Wilson—18.

Answering roll call—18.

A quorum present.

## Senate Bill No. 103:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize 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.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 103 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

## 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.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 26:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Section 1. Whoever shall secretly carry arms of any kind on or about his person, or whoever shall have concealed on or about his person any dirk, pistol, metallic knucks or other weapon, except a common pocket knife, unless he shall have procured a permit as hereinafter provided, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor exceeding three months, or by fine of not less than twenty dollars nor exceeding one hundred dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the Court.

Sec. 2. That the County Judge shall, upon the furnishing of good and sufficient bond in the sum of two hundred dollars, and the payment of a license of two dollars to be covered into the public school fund of the County, grant permits for carrying concealed weapons for the term of two years, the granting of such permit, stating the kind of weapon authorized to be carried concealed, to be immediately published by posting at the Court house.

Sec. 3. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to the amendment to Senate Bill No. 26:

Strike out the words "County Judge" wherever it appears, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The Board of County Commissioners."

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.  
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 14th, offered the following amendment to the amendment: Strike out the words "two dollars" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "five dollars."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment to Senate Bill No. 26, as amended.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 26:

Strike out the words "A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2421, Chapter 3, Article 5 of the Revised Statutes of Florida relating to the carrying of concealed weapons," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4124, Acts of 1893, Laws of Florida, relating to the carrying of concealed weapons."

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. McCreary offered the following substitute for the amendment of Mr. Wilson.

Amend title to Senate Bill No. 26 by striking out all after the words "an act," and substitute the following: "Relating to the carrying of concealed weapons, and providing conditions upon which concealed weapons may be carried."

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the substitute.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 26, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 28, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Corporations to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 137:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Camp Phosphate Company.

Also,

House Bill No. 16:

To be entitled an act to legalize the corporation of the town of Arcadia, Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 133:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Baptist Convention.

I have had the same under consideration and respectfully recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. B. ROGERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 137 and 153, and House Bill No. 16, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

At 12:20 P. M.

Mr. Palmer moved:

That the Senate go into Executive session.

Which was agreed to.

And the doors were closed.

At 12:30 P. M. the doors were opened.

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

Messrs—	Dimick,	Palmer of 14th,
Baker,	Gaillard,	Palmer of 11th,
Blitch,	Harris,	Roberts,
Braome,	Hooker,	Rogers
Carson,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth,
Chaires,	McCreary,	Williams,
Crill,	McLin,	Wilson
Crosby,	Myers,	
Denham,	O'Brien,	

Answering roll-call—24.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 112 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 112:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate \$20,000 to be used for the payment for the buildings, fumigating plants, wharves, and other property, including boats, of the Escambia County Board of Health, and to have title to the same confirmed in the State of Florida for the use of the State Board of Health.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Carson asked unanimous consent to amend Senate Bill No. 112 on its third reading.

Which was granted.

Mr. Carson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 112:

In Section 1, line 1, after the figures "\$20,000," insert the following: "Or so much thereof as may be agreed upon between the County Commissioners of Escambia County and the State Board of Health of Florida."

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the amendment,

Which was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Crill moved that when engrossed, Senate Bill No. 112 take its place at the head of the Calendar of bills on their third reading.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 112 was ordered re-engrossed.

By permission--

Mr. Gaillard introduced the following--

Senate Resolution No. 12:

The citizens of this State, continuing to cherish the holy spirit of cheerful ministrations to every disabled or suffering adversary, and all the more proudly for the continued denial incident, yet believing the principle upon which all pensions to soldiers in the war upon secession should rest to be State recognition of honorable service, and that the immediate local charge of the several States, with supervision of, and responsibility for, a respected standard and payment is the safeguard against imposition, and is the means for satisfaction and confidence in the merit of the roll;

Resolved, by the Senate of the State of Florida, That it be

recommended to the United Confederate Veterans in their approaching reunion, to consider the equity and propriety of advocating legislation in their respective States providing for worthy veterans by the State in whose organization the service was rendered, and for some established system for the transfer of proper evidence of merit and of provision for pensions with change of residence.

Resolved, That a special committee of three members be appointed by the President to communicate and submit this action by letter to the United Confederate Veterans in their appointed reunion at Charleston, in the State of South Carolina.

Mr. Gaillard moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

The following message from the Governor was read:

State of Florida, Executive Department,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 27, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have to-day signed the following bill, which originated in the Senate, and have filed the same with the Secretary of State:

“An act to provide for working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges in Levy County by contracts and to provide penalties for failure thereof.”

Also,

“Memorial to Congress asking that the County of Levy, State of Florida, be changed from the Northern Federal Judicial District, to the Southern Judicial District.”

Also,

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

Which memorials are also filed with the Secretary of State.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM,  
Governor of Florida.

Mr. Harris introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 13:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be and he is hereby ordered to furnish the messenger a locker in which to keep stamps and wrappers and such other articles for the convenience of the Senators.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hooker asked that Mr. Bynum be excused on account of committee work.

Mr. Bynum was excused.

Mr. Roberts asked that he be excused until next week.

Mr. Roberts was excused.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 78 be taken up out of its order and be now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 78:

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

Messrs. Baker,	Gaillard,	Palmer of 11th,
Blitch,	Harris,	Roberts,
Carson,	Hooker,	Rogers,
Chaires,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth,
Crill,	McCreary,	Wilson,
Crosby,	McLin,	Williams—21.
Denham,	O'Brien,	

Nays—

Mr. President, Palmer of 14th—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 76:

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.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And House Bill No. 76 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Crill asked to be excused until Monday next.

Mr. Crill was excused.

Mr. Williams moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.

## CONFIRMATIONS.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

#### Bradford County—

District No. 1—Robert G. Ware, Providence, Fla.

District No. 2—J. B. Crews, Lake Butler, Fla.

District No. 3—E. A. Todd, Lawtey, Fla.

District No. 4—Wm. W. Tumblin, Starke, Fla.

District No. 5—R. W. Cameron, Hampton, Fla.

#### Citrus County—

District No. 1—W. B. Edwards, Citronelle, Fla.

District No. 2—J. H. Gerock, Homocassa, Fla.

District No. 3—John Y. Barnes, LeConte, Fla.

District No. 4—James A. Hampton, Floral City, Fla.

District No. 5—Moultire J. Clements, Cordeal, Fla.

#### Columbia County—

District No. 1—F. M. Smith, Brown, Fla.

District No. 2—G. A. Smithson, Lake City, Fla.

District No. 3—T. W. Getson, Fort White, Fla.

District No. 4—A. F. Rumph, Mason, Fla.

District No. 5—R. T. Boozer, Lake City, Fla.

#### Dade County—

District No. 1—W. V. Rushing, Neptune, Fla.

District No. 2—N. W. Pitts, Lake Worth, Fla.

District No. 3—G. W. Lainhart, Palm Beach, Fla.

District No. 4—R. E. McDonald, Ojus, Fla.

District No. 5—W. J. Shone, Cocoanut Grove, Fla.

#### Lake County—

District No. 1—J. C. Luning, Leesburg, Fla.

District No. 2—J. N. Watkins, ———

District No. 3—A. D. Bell, ———

District No. 4—J. B. Register, ———

District No. 5—S. M. Owens, Umatilla, Fla.

## Levy County—

- District No. 1—E. Walker, Bronson, Fla.  
 District No. 2—Charles W. McElroy, Judson, Fla.  
 District No. 3—James M. Stephens, Lebanon, Fla.  
 District No. 4—Wm. D. Finlayson, Cedar Key, Fla.  
 District No. 5—E. C. Price, Williston, Fla.

## Manatee County—

- District No. 1—Joseph H. Kennedy, Palmetto, Fla.  
 District No. 2—William F. Parrish, Parrish, Fla.  
 District No. 3—A. H. Albritton, Miakka, Fla.  
 District No. 4—William T. Bryan, Sarasota, Fla.  
 District No. 5—Joseph B. Wyatt, Manatee, Fla.

## Marion County—

- District No. 1—E. C. McLeod, Kendrick, Fla.  
 District No. 2—Henry W. Long, Martel, Fla.  
 District No. 3—J. M. Liddell, Santos, Fla.  
 District No. 4—William E. Allen, McIntosh, Fla.  
 District No. 5—D. L. Morgan, Churchill, Fla.

## St. Johns County—

- District No. 1—William M. DeGrove, Pablo Beach, Fla.  
 District No. 2—John Sanchez, New Augustine.  
 District No. 3—Frank Corbett, Moultrie, Fla.  
 District No. 4—B. Genovar, St. Augustine, Fla.  
 District No. 5—Joseph Lynn, St. Augustine, Fla.

## Volusia County—

- District No. 1—W. C. Cannons, Orange City, Fla.  
 District No. 2—Frank E. Bond, DeLand, Fla.  
 District No. 3—W. H. McBride, Seville, Fla.  
 District No. 4—George R. Poppell, Daytona, Fla.  
 District No. 5—T. J. Murry, New Smyrna, Fla.

## CIRCUIT JUDGES.

Hon. Joseph B. Wall, of Tampa, Fla., to be judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, for the unexpired term of Hon. Barron Phillips, resigned.

Hon. Joseph B. Wall, of Tampa, Fla., to be judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, for the Constitutional term of six years, beginning on June 12, A. D., 1899.