

House Bill No. 16:

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

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 16, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Harris moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

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

Answering roll call- 29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

The President announced the appointment of Mr. Barber in place of Mr. Hooker on the committee to visit the convict camps.

Under Senate Resolution No. 11, adopted yesterday, the following reports of committees were ordered inserted in the Journal without reading:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 27, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Beg leave to report that it has been carefully considered and recommend that the same be passed.

Very respectfully,
W. HUNT HARRIS,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 76, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 27, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Corporations to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 124:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,
C. B. ROGERS,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 124, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 27, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Game, to whom was referred—
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.

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

Very respectfully,

FRANK W. SAMS,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 82, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 27, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Game, to whom was referred—
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.

Beg leave to report we have examined this bill and respectfully recommend the same do pass.

Very respectfully,
FRANK W. SAMS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 103, 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 27, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 119:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the West Florida and Gulf Railroad Company.

Also,

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 121:

A bill to be entitled an act making it a misdemeanor for the County Judges of this State to draft wills for other persons.

Have examined the same and find them to be correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 121 and Senate Bill No. 119, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. O'Brien introduced the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20:

Whereas, There is now pending before the Legislature a bill to grant the water front of the City of Pensacola, and

Whereas, It is believed that such water front belongs to the State of Florida, and

Whereas, It is expedient for the purpose of quieting the confusion and uncertainty which now exists as to the disposition of said property, that immediate action should be taken by the Legislature, but

Whereas, The Legislature is not possessed of sufficient information to enable it to properly consider the best course to

be pursued with reference to such property; now, therefore,
be it

Resolved, with the concurrence of the House, That a joint committee of three be appointed, one by the President of the Senate, and two by the Speaker of the House, whose duty it shall be to proceed at once to the City of Pensacola and to ascertain and report to the Legislature the extent of such water front, the improvements thereon and the occupations thereof, and all facts which may, in the opinion of such committee be necessary to ascertain in order to assist the Legislature in determining whether any grant of the same or any part thereof should be made by it, and, if so, to what person or persons, corporations or municipality, and if such committee should recommend that any grant should be made, it shall prepare and present to the Legislature as a part of its report a bill embodying the legislation recommended. Be it further

Resolved, That such committee shall have power to and is hereby directed to have prepared for submission with its report a map of such water front, showing the improvements and occupations and the extent thereof. The expenses of such committee and disbursements shall be paid by the State, but if there should hereafter be granted to any person or persons, corporation or municipality any part of the water front, such person or persons, corporation or municipality, shall, as a condition of such grant, be required to pay such expenses, or if grants be made to more than one person or corporation, such expenses shall be divided between them in such proportion as the Legislature may determine.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20, be read the second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 was read a second time.

Mr. O'Brien moved the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20:

Strike out the words "and if such committee should recommend that any grant should be made, it shall prepare and present to the Legislature as part of its report, a bill embodying the legislation recommended," in line 22 of resolution.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Harris withdrew the amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20.

Mr. Palmer of 14th, offered the following amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20:

Strike out the entire paragraph beginning "Be it further resolved."

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

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20:

Strike out the words "and is hereby directed to" in the second line of the second resolution.

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Brien moved the adoption of

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20, as amended.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be waived and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 was so certified.

The President appointed Mr. Reeves as the committee on the part of the Senate under above resolution.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Rogers:

Senate Bill No. 148:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Burt G. Dyal.

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

By Messrs. Carson and Myers from the Joint Committee:

Senate Bill No. 149:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the regulation of railroad schedules, freights, express, sleeping car and passenger tariffs, and building of freight and passenger depots in this State; to prevent unjust discrimination in the rates charged for the transportation of passengers and freight, and to prohibit railroad companies, corporations, persons and all common carriers in this State from charging other than just and reasonable rates, and to enforce the same and to prescribe a mode of procedure and rules of evidence in relation thereto, and to provide for the appointment and election of commissioners and to prescribe their duties and powers.

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

By Mr. Blich:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 150:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section one (1), Article ten (X) of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to homestead and exemptions.

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

By Mr. Hendley:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 151:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the election of Circuit Judges in this State.

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

By Mr. Reeves:

Senate Bill No. 152 :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of cities and towns in this State.

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

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up bills on third reading.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

A committee from the House of Representatives appeared at the bar of the Senate and informed the body that the House had invited Hon. Stephen R. Mallory to address it and respectfully invited the Senate to be present.

Mr. Broome moved that the invitation be accepted.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers moved that a committee of three be appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the invitation was accepted.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Myers, Broome and Carson, who retired to perform that duty.

The committee returned and reported and were discharged.

Mr. Wilson moved that a recess be taken until 11:40 A. M.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate took a recess.

At 11:40 A. M. the Senate re-assembled.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President,	Crill,	Myers,
Messrs—	Crosby,	O'Brien,
Baker,	Denham,	Reeves,
Barber,	Dimick,	Roberts,
Blicht,	Hooker,	Sams,
Broome,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth,
Bynum,	McCreary,	Wilson.
Carson,	McLin,	Williams,

Answering the roll-call—22.

A quorum present.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 3:

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

Mr. Wilson moved that Senate Bill No. 3 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the carrying of firearms and other weapons.

Mr. Bynum moved that Senate Bill No. 48 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

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.

Mr. McCaskill moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 56 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

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.

Mr. McCreary moved that Senate Bill No. 26 be placed back on second reading for amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 26 was placed back on Calendar of bills on second reading.

House Bill No. 78:

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

Was taken up and read the third time in full as amended.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President,

Messrs. Baker,	Crosby,	Myers,
Blitch,	Denham,	O'Brien,
Broome,	Harris,	Reeves,
Bynum,	Hooker,	Roberts,
Carson,	McCaskill,	Williams,
Crill,	McLin,	Wilson—19.
Nays—Messrs.—	McCreary,	Wadsworth—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

A message was received from the Governor.

At 11:55 A. M. Mr. Broome moved that the Senate go into executive session;

Which was agreed to.

The doors were closed.

At 12:20 P. M. the doors were opened.

The President in the chair.

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

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

Answering roll-call—28.

A quorum present.

A message was received from the House of Representatives. The Senate resumed consideration of bills on third reading.

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 4, 1897, entitled an act to incorporate the Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

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,	Denham,	Palmer of 11th,
Messrs—	Gaillard,	Reeves.
Baker,	Harris,	Roberts,
Blicht,	Hooker,	Sams,
Broome,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth,
Bynum,	McCreary,	Williams,
Carson,	McLin,	Wilson—25.
Chaires,	Myers,	
Crill,	O'Brien,	
Crosby,	Palmer of 14th,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 91:

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

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Blicht moved that Senate Bill No. 91 be passed informally.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate recur to bills on second reading.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 108:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect log brands in this State.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Reeves moved:

That the rules be further waived and 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.
 Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,
 The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Dimick,	Reeves,
Messrs. Baker,	Gaillard,	Roberts,
Blitch,	Hooker,	Sams,
Broome,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth,
Bynum,	McCreary,	Williams,
Carson,	McLin,	Wilson—22.
Crill,	O'Brien,	
Crosby,	Palmer of 14th,	

Nay—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Wilson moved that House Bill No. 124 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and the bill was taken up.

Mr. Wilson moved:

That the rules be waived and the bill be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to.

And

House Bill No. 124:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias.

Was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Wilson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 124:

Insert the words "A bill to be entitled" at the beginning of the title.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be further waived and that the bill, as amended, be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the bill, as amended, was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, as amended, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President,

Messrs: Baker,	Gaillard,	Reeves,
Bltch,	McCaskill,	Roberts,
Broome,	McCreary,	Sams,
Carson,	McLin,	Wadsworth,
Crill,	O'Brien,	Williams,
Crosby,	Palmer of 14th,	Wilson—21.
Denham,	Palmer of 11th,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as amended.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate recur to bills on third reading.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 95 be taken up out of its regular order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

House Bill No. 95:

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

Was read a third time in full, together with Senate amendment.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, as amended, the vote was.

Yeas—

Messrs—	Denham,	Reeves,
Baker,	Gaillard,	Roberts,
Bltch,	Hooker,	Sams,
Broome,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth,
Carson,	McLin,	Williams,
Crill,	O'Brien,	Wilson—19.
Crosby,	Palmer of 11th,	

Nays—Messrs— McCreary, Palmer of 14th—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up the message from the House of Representatives containing the action of that body on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 27, 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. 20:

Whereas, There is now pending before the Legislature a bill to grant the water front of the City of Pensacola, and

Whereas, It is believed that such water front belongs to the State of Florida, and

Whereas, It is expedient for the purpose of quieting the confusion and uncertainty which now exists as to the disposition of said property, that immediate action should be taken by the Legislature, but

Whereas, The Legislature is not possessed of sufficient information to enable it to properly consider the best course to be pursued with reference to such property, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, with the concurrence of the House, That a joint committee of three be appointed, one by the President of the Senate, and two by the Speaker of the House, whose duty it shall be to proceed at once to the City of Pensacola and to ascertain and report to the Legislature the extent of such water front, the improvements thereon and the occupations thereof, and all facts which may, in the opinion of such committee be necessary to ascertain in order to assist the Legislature in determining whether any grant of the same or any part thereof should be made by it, and, if so, to what person or persons, corporations or municipality, and if such committee should recommend that any grant should be made, it shall prepare and present to the Legislature as a part of its report a bill embodying the legislation recommended. Be it further

Resolved, That such committee shall have power to have prepared for submission with its report a map of such water front, showing the improvements and occupations and the extent thereof. The expenses of such committee and disbursements shall be paid by the State, but if there should hereafter be granted to any person or persons, corporation or municipality any part of the water front, such person or persons, corporation or municipality, shall, as a condition of such grant, be required to pay such

expenses, or if grants be made to more than one person or corporation, such expenses shall be divided between them in such proportion as the Legislature may determine.

And have appointed Messrs. Watson of Osceola, and Wilson of Clay, such committee on part of the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Hooker moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

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

CONFIRMATIONS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Brevard County—

District No. 1—Joseph Mendall, LaGrange, Fla.

District No. 2—J. R. Walker, Titusville, Fla.

District No. 3—W. H. Sharpe, Sharpe, Fla.

District No. 4—John Houston, Eau Gallie, Fla.

District No. 5—John R. Waller, Ankona, Fla.

Hernando County—

District No. 1—Frank L. Smith, of ———

District No. 2—J. Melvin Hedick, Brooksville, Fla.

District No. 3—David G. Hennes, Brooksville, Fla.

District No. 4—Chauncey S. Wilson, Brooksville, Fla.

District No. 5—Richard E. Quinn, of ———

Pasco County—

District No. 1—James A. Delcher, Dade City, Fla.

District No. 2—E. J. Spivey, Abbott, Fla.

District No. 3—Daniel H. Smith, Wesley, Fla.

District No. 4—Andrew Barthle, St. Joseph, Fla.

District No. 5—Malcolm N. Hill, Port Richie, Fla.

Hillsborough County—

District No. 1—William A. Belcher, Dunedin, Fla.

District No. 2—S. J. Drawdy, Tampa, Fla.

District No. 3—James E. Tomberlin, Seffner, Fla.

District No. 4—E. C. Blanton, Plant City, Fla.

District No. 5—J. W. Valandingham, Peru, Fla.