

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 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,	Fuller,	Palmer of 14th,
Messrs. Baker,	Harris,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Hendley,	Roberts,
Carson,	Hooker,	Rogers,
Crill,	McCaskill,	Sams,
Crosby,	McCreary,	Williams,
Denham,	McLin,	Wilson,
Dimick,	Myers,	

Answering roll-call—23.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Denham asked that Mr. Broome be excused from attendance to-day.

Mr. Broome was excused.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. McLin offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 15:

Be it Resolved, That the Chairmen of Senate Committees employing clerks be required to report, on Tuesday next, the name of each clerk employed, the number of days each has been employed, and the hours required per day to constitute a day's work. Be it further

Resolved, That on the morning of June 1st a similar report be made, including and stating the amount due each clerk.

Mr. McLin moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Baker:

Senate Bill No. 181:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing a regular constable to appoint a special constable in certain instances.

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

By Mr. Reeves:

Senate Bill No. 182:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Board of Public Instruction of any county in the State of Florida to determine the tax levy to be made therein for school purposes, and to define the method of collection and disbursement thereof.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 183:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the granting of and setting apart certain lands for the use and benefit of the Seminole Indians of Florida.

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

By Mr. Hendley:

Senate Bill No. 184:

A bill to be entitled an act empowering the County Commissioners of Hernando County to contract for road work in the several districts

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

By Mr. Rogers:

Senate Bill No. 185:

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage and protect the breeding and training of homing pigeons.

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

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1890.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 139:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for commencing the work of construction of the DeSoto, Lee and Gulf Railroad Company, Chapter 4467, No. 146, Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1895.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 99:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal all fence laws in township fifty-one (51), range twenty-five (25), and township fifty-one (51) and fifty-two (52) in range twenty-six (26) south and east in the county of Lee, State of Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 156:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled "An act to regulate the inspection and sale of beef and repeal Chapter 3613, Laws of Florida, approved February 16, 1885; also Chapter 3897, Laws of Florida, approved May 31, 1889," the same being Chapter 4048, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1891.

Also,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 100:

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

Also,

Senate Bill No. 97:

A bill to be entitled an act to punish trespassers upon railroad bridges and trestles.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 139, 99, 156 and 97 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 100, contained in the above report, was 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., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 168:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the City of Ocala to relinquish to the County of Marion its claim on certain mad taxes, due and to become due from said county to said city for the purpose of certain public improvements by said county in the neighborhood of said city, and beyond its corporate limits, and to authorize the said city and county authorities to enter into contracts with each other for that purpose.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 168, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 128 :

To be entitled an act to amend Section 57, Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, being an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

Herewith return the same and recommend that it do pass.

Also,

House Bill No. 145:

To be entitled an act to provide for the issuing of manuscript bonds for the purpose of refunding and redeeming the State bonds now held by the several educational funds of the State, issued under the acts of the Legislature of January 26, 1871, and February 21, 1873, and other securities held by said funds or which may be hereafter purchased therefor.

Herewith return the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bills Nos. 128 and 145, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 126:

To be entitled an act relating to the assessment, levy and collection of taxes by the City of Orlando, Fla.

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

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 126, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 141:

To be entitled an act to prohibit the catching and taking of fish from the fresh water streams and lakes of Calhoun County, State of Florida, in the months of April and May of each year.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and report it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 141, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred:  
Senate Bill No. 118:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect and prescribe the manner of taking food fish from certain waters in Lee County.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and report it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 118, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—  
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 4557, 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.

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

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,  
Chairman of Committee

And House Bill No. 46, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Denham, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on State Affairs to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 143:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 4390, Acts of 1895, Laws of Florida, in reference to the care of convicts.

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and return the same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

JAS. S. DENHAM,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 143, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading:

Mr. Denham, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred:

Senate Bill No. 159:

A bill to be entitled an act exempting persons who served as soldiers or sailors in the Confederate war from the payment of any and all license taxes when they do not own or have under their control property exceeding in value five hundred dollars.

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

JAS. S. DENHAM,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 159, contained in the above report, 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., May 5, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to incorporate the Lake City Electric and Water Company.

Also,

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, his charges for publishing the tax sale list of 1896, 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 4322, Laws of Florida, for the year 1896.

Also,

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking for additional powers to be conferred on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Also,

An act authorizing the town of Marianna, by ordinance, to require residents of said town to perform labor upon the streets, alleys, and other public highways in said town.

Beg leave to report that we have examined the same and find them all 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.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 5, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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Also,

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking for additional powers to be conferred on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Also,

An act authorizing the town of Marianna, by ordinance, to require residents of said town to perform labor upon the streets, alleys, and other public highways in said town.

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

Very Respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

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And,

An act authorizing the town of Marianna, by ordinance, to require residents of said town to perform labor upon the streets, alleys, and other public highways in said town.

Beg to report that the same have been presented to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

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Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to legalize the election held on March 28th, 1899, in the City of St. Augustine, to determine by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters of said city, who were freeholders of said city actually voting, whether or not the bonds proposed by an ordinance entitled "An ordinance establishing an electric light plant to be owned and operated by the City of St. Augustine and to provide for the issuing of bonds for the payment of same, passed March 8th, 1899, and approved March 9th, 1899, should be authorized and issued; and to declare and render valid said election and the result as shown by the returns thereof, and to declare and render valid said ordinance; and to authorize the issue of bonds as provided by said ordinance.

Also,

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

Beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very Respectfully,

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Also,

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

Beg to report that the same have been presented to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate?

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

An act to amend Sections 2 and 46 of Chapter 4635, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for the municipal officers of the City of Key West, a municipal corporation existing in the County of Monroe, Florida, to prescribe their terms of office, provide for their election and appointment, and to regulate their compensation, and to repeal Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, and amendments thereto.

Beg leave 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.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899:

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend Sections 2 and 46 of Chapter 4635, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for the municipal officers of the City of Key West, a municipal corporation existing in the County of Monroe, Florida, to prescribe their terms of office, provide for their election and appointment, and to regulate their compensation, and to repeal Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, and amendments thereto.

Also,

An act to keep in repair all public roads and bridges and to open new roads and to condemn the right of way for same in the County of Brevard, State of Florida, and give to said County certain rights and privileges authorizing the levy of a special road tax in each Commissioners' district and providing the method by which said tax shall be levied and expended.

Beg to report that we have examined the same and that they are 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., May 3, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend Sections 2 and 46 of Chapter 1635, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for the municipal officers of the City of Key West, a municipal corporation existing in the County of Monroe, Florida, to prescribe their terms of office, provide for their election and appointment, and to regulate their compensation, and to repeal Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, and amendments thereto.

Also,

An act to keep in repair all public roads and bridges and to open new roads and to condemn the right of way for same in the County of Brevard, State of Florida, and give to said County certain rights and privileges authorizing the levy of a special road tax in each Commissioners' district and providing the method by which said tax shall be levied and expended.

Beg to report that the same have been presented to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 3, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 166:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the survey and sale of certain lands in the State of Florida, and to dispose of the proceeds arising from the sale of such lands.

Herewith return the same with the recommendation that it be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 166, contained in the above report, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 180:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1399 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the appointment and compensation of Court stenographers.

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

In Section 1, line 15, strike out the words "twelve and a half" and insert in lieu thereof the word "ten."

In Section 1, line 18, strike out the word "ten" and insert in lieu thereof the word "five."

In Section 1, line 21, strike out the words "from the treasury of the County where such cause originated" and insert in lieu thereof the words "by the State Treasurer."

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 180, 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., May 5, 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 they have carefully considered the  
same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 48, contained in the above report, was  
placed on the Calendar of bills on the second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, sub-  
mitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 175:

To be entitled an act granting to the prosecuting attorneys  
for County Courts in the State of Florida process, and also  
authorizing them to administer oaths to witnesses.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 178:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2644 of the  
Revised Statutes of Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 179:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2070 of the Re-  
vised Statutes of State of Florida, relating to separate prop-  
erties of married women.

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 175, 178 and 179, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Fuller, Chairman of the Joint Committee to visit and investigate the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, beg leave to report as follows:

Senate Chamber.  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee to visit and investigate the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company beg leave to report as follows:

That they examined the canal carefully and found it in about the same condition as reported by the committee from this body who examined it two years ago, with the exceptions that since that time some dredging has been done in Biscayne Bay and the cut completed between Indian river and Lake Worth.

Your committee found in going through this cut that the sand had washed into the channel at the South mouth of the cut, until there was only from three to four feet of water. However, the canal company had one of their dredge boats at work at this place and in a few days they expect to have the channel dredged out to the original depth and certain work done to prevent the sand from washing back into the channel.

There was another shallow place at the mouth of the cut, between Mosquito Inlet and Indian River, also a shallow place at the south end of Lake Worth, just before entering the forty-mile cut between Lake Worth and Biscayne Bay. These shallow places evidently were caused by the banks of the canal or channel breaking off and washing into the channel, and these places will also be dredged out again. With these exceptions there appeared to be plenty of water in the channel from Mosquito Inlet to Miami.

Your committee found that a great deal of land has been reclaimed by the cutting of this canal, and there were several crops of tomatoes and other kinds of vegetables along the borders of this canal. It seems to your committee that the State has been vastly benefited by reason of these lands being reclaimed and put in a state of cultivation.

It further appears to your committee that this canal company must have encountered many unforeseen delays and diffi-

costs and unexpected expenses in carrying on the enterprise, and as it appears to us that it would be of great benefit to the State for the northern end of the canal to be completed, your committee recommend that they be granted an extension of time of at least four years in which to complete the work.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,

On the part of the Senate.

J. N. WHITNER,

J. H. HARP,

On the part of the House.

Mr. Fuller, Chairman of the Joint Committee to visit and examine the Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at St. Augustine, Fla., beg leave to make the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your committee appointed to visit and examine the Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at St. Augustine, Fla., beg leave to make the following report:

That they visited the Institute on the 25th day of April, 1899; that Rev. Frederick Pasco, the Superintendent, showed them through the institution and a thorough examination was made of all departments and all the premises. Everything in general was found to be about as reported by the Superintendent in his last annual report to the Board of Managers, to which report we respectfully refer.

It appears to your committee that the teachers were working hard and accomplishing as good results as could be expected under the circumstances. They appeared to understand thoroughly the duties of their various departments. But the equipment of the school appeared to be deficient and somewhat behind the times, and the school did not appear to be up to so high a standard as such an institution of this State ought to be. Your committee noticed one idiot and one semi-idiot in the deaf and dumb department, who, in the opinion of your committee, should not have been admitted. One of the two is a total idiot, incapable of being taught to any extent, and is certainly a great drawback to the school and a bad example of uncleanness and not a fit companion for the other

children. Your committee recommend that in future no idiots be allowed to enter this institute.

The building for the negro department is not adequate for the needs of the same. As soon as the State can afford to make an appropriation for this purpose, an addition should be built and we understand the superintendent has plans prepared for this work. In the meantime there should be some repairs made to the roof and other portions of the present building.

Your committee suggest that more care should be exercised in the laundry department, and such diligence practiced as to avoid, as near as possible, the introduction of any disease through that source.

Your committee also recommend, as a precautionary measure, that a small building or a room be built separate from the other buildings, to be used as a sick room in case any sickness of a suspicious nature should occur at any time.

It appeared to your committee that several of the children, especially the white children, were not healthy and robust in appearance, therefore we recommend that the children have more exercise, if possible, and that some attention be given to physical culture.

Your committee respectfully refer to the annual report of the superintendent for particulars as to the number of teachers, pupils, expenses and other subjects treated of fully in said report.

Finally, your committee recommend an appropriation by this Legislature of at least \$1,000 in addition to the regular appropriation for this institute, to be used for needed repairs and improvements, and for the purchase of needed furniture and equipment.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,

On the part of the Senate.

J. N. WHITNER,

J. H. HARP,

On the part of the House.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 63:

To be entitled an act for the protection and preservation of the natural or public oyster beds within the jurisdiction of the County of Franklin, State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and report it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 63, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 40, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING

House Bill No. 183:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1, Chapter 4561, Laws of Florida, being an act to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of Osceola County, Fla.

Was taken up and read second time in full.

And, House Bill No. 183 was placed on Calendar of bills on its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 165:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 218 of the

Revised Statutes, relative to the appointment, term of office, powers, bond and oath of Notaries Public.

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris was permitted to withdraw the bill.

Senate Bill No. 164:

A bill to be entitled an act for the appointment of official stenographers for the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris was permitted to withdraw the bill.

House Bill No. 187:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 187 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 187 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President,

Messrs. Baker,	Harris,	Palmer of 14th,
Britch,	Hendley,	Roberts,
Carson,	Hooker,	Rogers,
Crill,	McCaskill,	Sams,
Crosby,	McCreary,	Wilson—20.
Denham,	McLin,	
Dimick,	Myers,	

Nays—None:

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Dimick moved that the rules be waived and that—

Senate Bill No. 102:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1473 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to residence required in order to obtain a divorce.

Now on its third reading be taken up.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Dimick asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 102.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 122:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section (35) thirty-five and (40) forty, Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, re

lating to the boundary line between St. Johns and Volusia Counties.

Was taken up.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 122 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 122 was read a second time by its title

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 122 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 122 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—	Fuller,	Myers,
Baker,	Hendley,	Roberts,
Blich,	Hooker,	Rogers,
Carson,	McCaskill,	Sams,
Crill,	McCreary,	Williams,
Crosby,	McLin,	Wilson—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 172:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent damage by phosphate works.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Hooker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 172.

In line 8, after the word "manufactory," insert the words "where collected in quantities to bog up the stock named in this act."

Mr. Hooker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 172, as amended, was ordered referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Blich moved that the rules be waived and that he be permitted to call up Senate Bill No. 143 out of its regular order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

## Senate Bill No. 143:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 4390, acts of 1895, Laws of Florida, in reference to the care of convicts.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 143:

Strike out the words "fifteen hundred dollars" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "one thousand dollars."

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hendley offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 143:

Strike out the word "man" in line 5, Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "detective."

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Crill offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 143:

Strike out the words in Section 1, line 6, "and with a knowledge of law."

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And,

Senate Bill No. 143, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

## BILLS ON THIRD READING.

## House Bill No. 170:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal all fence laws in Township fifty-one (51), Range twenty-five (25), and Township fifty-one (51) and fifty-two (52), in range twenty-six (26) south and east, in the County of Lee, State of Florida.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Crosby,	Palmer of 11th,
Messrs—	Denham,	Roberts,
Blicht,	Harris,	Rogers—12.
Carson,	Myers,	
Crill,	Palmer of 14th,	

Nays—

Messrs. Baker,  
McCreary,

McLin,  
Sams,

Williams—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Hooker was excused from voting.

Mr. McCaskill was excused from voting.

Mr. McCreary offered the following in explanation of his vote on House Bill No. 70:

Mr. President—As much as I dislike to oppose a local measure, I feel that I am virtually instructed by the people of my county to vote against any bill providing for a no fence law. I regard all such local measures as a stepping stone to the enactment of a general no fence law, I therefore vote no.

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

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 171:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the city charter of the City of Tampa.

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 171 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 171 was read a second time by its title.

And Senate Bill No. 171 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The Senate then recurred to bills on third reading.

And,

Senate Bill No. 81:

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

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,  
Blitch,  
Carson,  
Crosby,  
Harris,

Hooker,  
McCaskill,  
McLin,  
Palmer of 14th,  
Roberts,

Sams,  
Williams,  
Wilson—13.

Nays— Crill, Myers,  
 Mr. President, Denham, Palmer—6.  
 Messrs— McCreary,  
 So the bill passed, title as stated.

## Senate Bill No. 144:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the examination of witnesses in all cases in the State of Florida.

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.— Carson, McCreary—2.  
 Nays— Fuller, Palmer of 11th,  
 Mr. President, Harris, Roberts,  
 Messrs. Baker, Hooker, Sams,  
 Blitch, McCaskill, Williams,  
 Crill, McLin, Wilson—18.  
 Crosby, Myers,  
 Denham, Palmer of 14th,  
 So the bill failed to pass

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived and the Engrossing Committee be requested to return to this body--

## Senate Bill No. 93:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia for services as a land force, and to enforce the discipline therein, and to repeal Article 2, entitled "Volunteer Militia," and Article 3, entitled "Florida State Troops," of Chapter 1 of Title VIII of First Division of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and Chapter 4042, Laws of Florida, entitled an "Act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia and enforce their discipline," approved June 11, 1891, and Chapter 4167, Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled an act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia and to enforce their discipline, approved June 11, 1891; and to further provide for and encourage the organization and discipline of said corps," approved June 2, 1893.

Which was agreed to.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 6, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 93:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia for services as a land force, and to enforce the discipline therein, and to repeal Article 2, entitled "Volunteer Militia," and Article 3, entitled "Florida State Troops," of Chapter 1 of Title VIII of First Division of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and Chapter 4042, Laws of Florida, entitled an "Act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia and enforce their discipline," approved June 11, 1891, and Chapter 4167, Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled an act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia and to enforce their discipline, approved June 11, 1891; and to further provide for and encourage the organization and discipline of said corps," approved June 2, 1893.

Beg leave to return the above bill in accordance with the request of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 93, as amended, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Senate Bill No. 89:

A bill 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..

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

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

The vote was:

## Yeas—

Mr. President,  
Messrs. Baker,  
Blicht,  
Carson,  
Crill,  
Crosby,  
Denham,

Dimick,  
Fuller,  
Harris,  
Hooker,  
McCaskill,  
McCreary,  
McLin,

Myers,  
Roberts,  
Rogers  
Sams,  
Williams,  
Wilson—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Blicht 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 A. M.