

MONDAY, MAY 8, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

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

Answering roll-call—25.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal corrected and approved.

Mr. O'Brien asked that Mr. Williams be excused from attendance to-day.

Mr. Williams was excused.

Mr. Myers asked an extension of leave of absence for Mr. Chaires.

Mr. Chaires was further excused.

Mr. Dimick requested leave of absence for Fred L. Robertson, Bill Secretary, until Friday.

Mr. Robertson was granted leave of absence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. O'Brien (by request):

Senate Bill No. 186:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issuance of county school bonds for certain purposes and providing for the guaranteeing of interest thereon by the State Board of Education, and the redemption and payment of such bonds.

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

By Mr. McCaskill:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 187:

Senate Joint Resolution relative to contracts for carrying the United States mails on Star Routes in the State of Florida.

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

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 188:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to contracts of employment, and to provide for the punishment of the violation of such contracts.

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

By Mr. McLin:

Senate Bill No. 189:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit fishing in the fresh water lakes of this State with seines or nets, or by any set devices, or by shooting.

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

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 190:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the spread of contagious or infectious diseases among the live stock of this State.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Palmer of 14th, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 3, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Education to whom was referred—

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.

Have carefully considered the same and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

B. H. PALMER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 182, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Palmer of 14th, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 3, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Education to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 177:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Board of Public Instruction of any county of the State of Florida to contract debts and to borrow money for educational purposes, and to provide for the payment thereof.

Have carefully considered the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

B. H. PALMER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 177, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 3, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

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

Very Respectfully,

THOMAS PALMER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 151, 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., May 7, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 172:

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

Also,

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.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 171:

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

Have examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 172, 143 and 171, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

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.

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that House Bill No. 249 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

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.

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 118 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 141 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 126:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 126 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 126 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 126 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 126 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President.

Messrs. Baker,	Hendley,	Palmer of 14th,
Blitch,	Hooker,	Roberts,
Carson,	McCaskill,	Rogers,
Crill,	McCreary,	Sams,
Crosby,	McLin,	Wadsworth,
Harris,	Myers,	Wilson—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 126 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 126 was so certified.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Carson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 159:

At the close of Section 1 add the following:

Provided, That nothing in this act shall apply to any person dealing in spirituous, vinous or malt liquors.

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 159, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 145 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

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.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And House Bill No. 128 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full with the amendments offered by the Judiciary Committee.

The following amendment was read:

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

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following amendment was read:

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

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following amendment was read:

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."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 180, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 48:

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

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 48 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 48 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,

Messrs.—

Baker,

Blitch,

Broome,

Carson,

Crill,

Crosby,

Dimick,

Gaillard,

Harris,

Hendley,

Hooker,

McCaskill,

McCreary,

McLin,

Myers,

O'Brien,

Palmer of 14th,

Palmer of 11th,

Roberts,

Rogers,

Sams,

Wadsworth,

Wilson—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

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.

Was taken up at 11 A. M., being set for that hour.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that Senate Bill No. 149 be made a special order for to-morrow at 11 A. M.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 149 be read a second time by sections.

Which was agreed to.

Section 1 was read.

Section 2 was read.

Mr. Broome offered the following amendment to Section 2: Strike out the word "capitol" in Section 2, line 2 (printed bill), and insert in lieu thereof the following "capital."

Mr. Broome moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 3 was read.

Section 4 was read.

Section 5 was read.

Section 6 was read.

Section 7 was read.

Section 8 was read.

Section 9 was read.

Section 10 was read.

Section 11 was read.

Section 12 was read.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to Section 12.

Amend Section 12 by inserting after the word "fixed," in line 4 of the House printed bill, the words "and imposed," and strike out all of Section 12 after the word "Commissioners" in line 4 of said printed bill.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which—

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

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