

TUESDAY, May 16, 1899.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

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

Answering roll-call—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was approved.

Mr. Sams presented the following petition:

Daytona, Fla., May 14th, 1899.

To the State Legislature now Convened at Tallahassee:
Honorable Body:

We, the undersigned, citizens, voters and Christian women of Daytona, enter a mighty protest against the seating of B. H. Roberts, the Mormon, in Congress.

We heartily approve of the memorial to Congress against Roberts' admission, and earnestly ask, for the sake of our beloved and sacred homes, and in the name of the Christian womanhood of America, that you reconsider the memorial to Congress before you adjourn.

Signed—Meriam Eastman Clark, A. Benedict, Catherine W. Benedict, Annie D. Nash, W. H. Peck, Mrs. Catherine Coleman, Mrs. Laurence Thompson, Mrs. C. M. Bingham, Sr., W. M. Moon, G. Shear, Katherine Beche, Jacob Slough, Carrie S. Atwood, S. H. Coleman, E. C. Atwood, M. D., James H. Cook, Mrs. James H. Cook, John B. Parkinson, Mrs. J. B. Parkinson, H. J. Thompson, Mrs. H. Y. Thompson, J. Puroon, B. F. McNancy, Wm. H. Byrne, Jr., Mrs. E. E. Brokaw, Mr. A. K. Brokaw, N. W. McClellan, Mrs. C. E. Shartle, Annie Brad-

shaw, May Raulerson, Eliza Raulerson, Mary McBride, Chas. C. Gler, A. G. Carter, M. J. Gramling, Mrs. N. M. Bynna, Jr., Mrs. L. J. Davis, Ruby E. Ledwith, C. W. Gramling, Geo. R. Poppell, Mrs. Geo. B. Poppell, L. W. Edwards, J. M. Rowe, Mrs. F. C. Edwards, J. M. Carson, Mrs. J. M. Carson, Miss V. A. King, Mrs. Elek R. Greene, Eugene W. Greene, A. B. Mansfield, J. M. Ross, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Mabel K. Spilman, W. M. Spilman, R. C. Jester, Jesse E. Jeter, Geo. H. Clark, M. Huston, Mrs. M. E. Wilder, Miss Fanny Cal, C. W. Arnold, M. A., Mrs. N. E. Arnold, M. D. Wilkinson, E. C. Wilkinson, P. S. Golder, Lucie W. Hallker, Herbert E. Smith, Mrs. Herbert E. Smith, G. F. Shears, Emily Hobbs, Mrs. C. M. Ree, Frank P. Conrad, Margaret S. Atwood, Alice Maley, E. C. Waldron, Sarah E. Corwin, A. L. Peck, E. N. Waldron, Wm. Atwood, B. Foster, M. C. Foster, Mrs. Cutler, Miss L. A. Croy, Mrs. W. W. Glenn, C. M. Bingham, Jr., W. H. Peck, Miss G. D. Bingham, Mrs. M. A. Wigley, Mrs. W. M. Moore, J. S. Blymyr, Nana Blymyr, Mary L. Stanley, Charlotte M. Lindberg, F. G. Lindberg, Charles E. Lamb, F. A. White, J. S. White, C. W. Nash, Chas. M. Bingham, Sr., Mrs. W. H. Edmondson, W. H. Edmondson, F. B. Rogers.

A message was received from the House of Representatives. Mr. McClain was excused from attendance on account of sickness.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Barber:

Senate Bill No. 223:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4506, Acts of A. D. 1895, Laws of Florida; and to confirm, amend and supplement the municipal corporation of the town of Green Cove Springs, Florida; and to give it certain powers and privileges.

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

By Mr. Rogers:

Senate Bill No. 224:

A bill to be entitled an act supplemental to an act entitled an act to establish the municipality of Jacksonville, provide for its government and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, approved May 31, 1887, and to extend the powers of the government of said municipality.

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

By Mr. Rogers:

Senate Bill No. 225:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the responsibility of shippers or owners of goods, wares or merchandise represented by bills of lading or other evidences of shipment.

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

By Mr. Baker:

Senate Bill No. 226:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a penalty for selling liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sale, and to repeal Chapter 4551, laws of Florida, an act approved June 2, 1897.

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

By Mr. Baker:

Senate Bill No. 227:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the preparation and distribution of a manual for Justices of the Peace.

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

By Mr. Palmer of 14th:

Senate Bill No. 228:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a uniform system of public free schools, one Normal School for each race, and an Institute for the blind, deaf and dumb, and to provide for their conduct and maintenance.

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

By Mr. Fuller (by request):

Senate Bill No. 229:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for abstracting records of titles to real estate, and compensation therefor.

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

By Mr. Dimick:

Senate Bill No. 230:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the transfer of civil causes in the County Court of this State from one County Court to another County Court where the Judge of the County Court is disqualified from presiding, and the parties fail to agree upon a Judge ad litem or referee to try such cause.

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

By Mr. McCreary:
Senate Bill No. 231:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a State Text Book Commission, and to procure for use in the public free schools in this State a uniform series of text-books; to define the duties and powers of said commissioners and other officers; to make an appropriation for the carrying into effect this act, and to provide punishment and penalties for the violation of the same.

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

Mr. Hooker moved that Senate Bill No. 228 be recalled from the committee and 200 copies be printed.

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., May 13, 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. 274:

To be entitled an act prescribing the method of obtaining permits to sell liquors, wines or beer.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 274, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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. 268:

To be entitled an act to relieve W. Marion Williams and others from estreatment.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 268, 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., May 13, 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. 246:

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.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 246, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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—

Judiciary Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 229:

A bill to be entitled an act making the judgments and decrees of the Circuit Courts of this State and certified copies thereof admissable as prima facie evidence of the entry and validity of such judgments and decrees.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 229, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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. 224:

To be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of taxes on judgments of record in the office of the Clerk of the Court of the several counties in the State of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 224, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has passed—

House Bill No. 148:

By committee as substitute:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the widow's dower in the homestead.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 148, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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. 22:

To be entitled an act to extend the corporate existence and enlarge the powers of the Main Street Railroad Company.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 22, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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—

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.

Very respectfully,

WM.FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 140, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has passed—

Senate Bill No. 153:

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

Very respectfully,

WM.FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 153, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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 indefinitely postponed—

Senate Bill No. 35:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit any one from placing water hyacinths in any of the navigable streams or waters of the State of Florida, and to prescribe a penalty therefor.

There having been a similar bill passed by this Legislature and the enrolled act approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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—

The report of the conference committee upon Senate Amendment to—

House Bill No. 17:

To be entitled "An act to prohibit the manufacture, importation, sale or gift of cigarettes or cigarette paper in the State of Florida and to provide penalties for its violation."

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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:

Senate Bill No. 137:

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

With amendment.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Blitch moved that the Senate concur in the following House amendment to Senate Bill No. 137:

Strike out the words "in connection with," in line 13 of Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following, "for the express purpose and exclusive use for."

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 137, contained in the above message, as amended, was referred to the committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 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. 189:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, colored, of the State of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 189, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 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. 102:

To be entitled an act relating to expert witnesses, fixing their compensation, and prescribing a mode of paying the same.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 102, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 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—

Senate Bill No. 68:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for completing the canal of the Florida Coast Line and Transportation Company, and to preserve and continue the grant of land to aid in its construction.

With amendments thereto.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Gailiard moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments to Senate Bill No. 68.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 68, contained in the above message, as amended, was read and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 13, 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—

Senate Bill No. 39:

A bill to be entitled an act to settle the claims of certain transportation companies for transporting troops furnished by the government.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 39, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 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—

Senate Bill No. 36:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2707 of Re-

vised Statutes of Florida, in relation to the purchase of seed cotton between the hours of sunset and sunrise, and providing penalty therefor.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 36, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 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—

Senate Bill No. 104:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 11, Chapter 4621, of Laws of Florida, being an act to incorporate the Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 104, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 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—

Senate Bill No. 124:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of R. F. Green, C. H. Glenn, B. N. Faircloth, W. F. Skipper, W. B. Chester

and J. B. Edwards, citizens of Gadsden and Liberty Counties, Florida.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 124, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 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—

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 waterworks and other purposes and providing for the payment of the interest on the principal of such bonds.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 128, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 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—

Senate Bill 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 road

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.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 168, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 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—

Senate Bill No. 117:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George W. Reynolds, ex-Tax Collector for the County of Monroe, State of Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 117, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams:

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Joint Resolution No. 221:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 12,

Article XVI, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to the seal and flag of the State.

Also,

House Joint Resolution No. 6:

Joint Resolution relating to the election of United States Senators by the people.

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

Very Respectfully,

THOMAS PALMER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 221 and House Joint Resolution No. 6, 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., May 16, 1899

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 214:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 4, Chapter 4323, of an act entitled an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties, regulating the payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs, and providing for the feed of prisoners and hire of convicts, approved April 20th, 1895.

Have had the same under consideration and report it back without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 214, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 1899

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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

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

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 184, 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., May 16, 1899

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Corporations to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 248:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Inland Navigation Company,

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

Very respectfully,

C. B. ROGERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 248, 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., May 16, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 260:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 2183, Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, regulation of banking business.

By leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. B. ROGERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 260, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

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

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act for the relief of Burton G. Dyal.

By report that the same have received the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very Respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act for the relief of Burton G. Dyal.

The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

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

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

Hon. Frank Adams,
President of the Senate:

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

An act for the relief of Burton G. Dyal.

Beg to report that the same has been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK.

Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,
President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Game, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 213:

To be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4563, Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the appointment of fish and game wardens in the various counties of the State of Florida, approved June 5, 1897.

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

Very respectfully,

FRANK W. SAMS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 213, 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 16, 1899:

Hon. Frank Adams,
President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 54:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4558 of the Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act for the protection and preservation of food fishes in the fresh water rivers, creeks, bayous or streams of the State of Florida, and to prevent the hauling or dragging of seines or nets therein.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and herewith submit as a substitute for same:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 4558, Laws of Florida, being an act for the protection and preservation of food fishes in the fresh water rivers, creeks, bayous or streams in the State of Florida, and to prevent the hauling or dragging of seines or nets therein.

And respectfully report said substitute without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 54, contained in the above report, together with the committee substitute therefor, 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., May 16, 1893.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 136:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the estate of John F. Dunn upon the suretyship of said Dunn on the bond of C. B. Collins as State Treasurer.

Have carefully considered the same and respectfully report a substitute therefor, and recommend the passage of the substitute.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 136, contained in the above report, together with the committee substitute therefor, 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., May 13, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 163:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Charles Rhein-
auer.

Have carefully considered the same and respectfully report
a substitute therefor, with the following title, to-wit:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Charles
Rheinauer, upon the suretyship of said Rheinauer on the bond
of C. B. Collins as State Treasurer.

We recommend the passage of the substitute for the original
bill.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 163, contained in the above report, to-
gether with the committee substitute therefor, was placed
on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs,
submitted the following report:

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

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was re-
ferred—

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.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the
same and recommend that it do pass, with the following
amendment, to-wit:

Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed so
as to make the State of Florida, or the Board of Trustees of
the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, lia-
ble to make good the title to any lands embraced in this act

that have heretofore been conveyed or certified to any person, persons or corporation.

Very respectfully,

C. F. BARBER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 183, contained in the above report, together with committee amendment, 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 16, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Joint Resolution No. 196:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 35 of Article V, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the establishment of courts in this State.

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

Very Respectfully,

THOMAS PALMER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 196, 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 16, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Joint Resolution No. 198:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and recommend that the same, with committee amendments, do pass.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS PALMER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 198, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 9, 10, 51 and 55 of Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, and Sections 10 and 11 of Chapter 4515, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to amend Sections 29, 32, 35, 47, 48, 50, 63 and 67, of Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

Was taken up together with the following amendment of Mr. Hendley, and his motion to adopt, pending;

In Section 1, paragraph 15, line 440 (printed bill), after the word "located," add "in cities and towns of 2,000 inhabitants or more," and after the word "dollars" in same line, 440, add "in cities and towns of less than 2,000 inhabitants, a license tax of \$5.00."

Mr. President (Mr. Broome in the chair) ruled that the amendment must be divided; but previously that the motion by which Mr. Myers' motion—to strike out paragraph 15—was lost must be reconsidered.

Mr. Hendley moved that the rules be waived and the vote by which Mr. Myers' amendment failed to pass yesterday be reconsidered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The motion of Mr. Myers to strike out paragraph 15 was again placed before the Senate.

Mr. Carson moved to indefinitely postpone the motion of Mr. Myers.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

The roll being called,

The vote was:

Yeas—		
Mr. President,	Carson,	Hendley,
Messrs—	Chaires,	Hooker,
Baker,	Clark,	McCaskill,
Barber,	Crosby,	Roberts,
Blitch,	Dimick,	Rogers,
Broome,	Fuller,	Williams—15
Bynum,	Gaillard,	
Nays—	Harris,	Palmer of 11th,
Messrs—	McCreary,	Sams,
Crill,	O'Brien,	Wadsworth,
Denham,	Palmer of 14th,	Wilson—10.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was agreed to.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

Strike out the word "physicians," in line 437, paragraph 15.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which—

The hour for the special order—consideration of House Bill No. 4—having arrived,

Mr. Fuller moved that consideration of House Bill No. 46 be postponed until after the completion of Senate Bill No. 205.

Which was agreed to.

And consideration of Senate Bill No. 205 was resumed.

The yeas and nays were called for on the motion to adopt Mr. Harris' amendment.

The roll being called,

The vote was.

Yeas—		
Mr. President,	Crill,	Palmer of 11th,
Messrs. Baker,	Denham,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Harris,	Roberts,
Broome,	McCreary,	Sams,
Chaires,	Myers,	Wadsworth,
Clark,	O'Brien,	Wilson—18.
Nays—Messrs.—	Crosby,	Hooker,
Barber,	Fuller,	McCaskill,
Bynum,	Gaillard,	Palmer of 14th,
Carson,	Hendley,	Williams—11.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Hendley offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

In Section 1, paragraph 15, line 440, after the word "located," add "in cities and towns of 2,000 inhabitants or more."

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to:

Mr. Hendley offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

In Section 1, paragraph 15, line 440, after the word "dollars," add "in cities and towns of less than 2,000 inhabitants a license tax of \$5.00."

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to the amendment of Mr. Hendley to Senate Bill No. 205:

Strike out "five dollars" and insert "nine dollars and seventy-five cents."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Hendley was then adopted.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

Substitute the following for that part of Section 15, down to and including the word dollars (printed bill): "All dentists, resident opticians, lawyers and pension agents practicing their profession in this State shall pay a license tax to the tax collectors of their counties where their office is located a license tax as follows: All having an annual income of not more than \$500. \$3.00; all having an annual income of \$1,000 shall pay a license tax of \$5.00, and all having an annual income over \$1,000 shall pay a license of ten dollars."

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

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hooker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205.

Strike out paragraph 15.

Mr. Hooker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

Strike out the word "dentists" in line 437.

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

Strike out the words "incorporated cities and towns," in line 442 of Section 1 of printed bill.

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

The yeas and nays were demanded on the motion of Mr. Hooker to strike out paragraph 15.

Upon call of the roll,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Denham,	Palmer of 14th,
Messrs. Baker,	Harris,	Palmer of 11th,
Bynum,	Hooker,	Reeves,
Crill,	McCreary,	Sams—14.
Crosby,	Myers,	

Nays—

Messrs—	Chaires,	McCaskill,
Barber,	Clark,	Roberts,
Blitch,	Dimick,	Rogers,
Broome,	Fuller,	Wadsworth,
Carson,	Gaillard,	Williams,
	Hendley,	Wilson—16.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Paragraph 15, Section 1, was read.

Paragraph 17, Section 1, was read.

Paragraph 18, Section 1, was read.

Mr. Carson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

In line 467, Section 1, after the word "report," add the words "to the State Treasurer."

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to:

Mr. Carson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

Change paragraph 24 to to paragraph 23, and paragraph 23 to paragraph 24.

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Paragraph 19, Section 1, was read.

Mr. Carson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

After the word "dollars" in line 483, Section 1, add the following: "and no fractional license shall be issued under this paragraph."

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Paragraph 21, Section 1, was read.

Paragraph 22, Section 1, was read.

Paragraph 23, Section 1, was read.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

Strike out paragraph 23.

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

Mr. Palmer of 14th withdrew the amendment.

Paragraph 24, Section 1, was read.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

Add to the bottom of Section 1 the following: Provided, That no license except as dealer in spirituous, vinous or malt liquors shall be required of any person who served as a soldier or sailor in the service of the Confederate States or of this State in the Confederate war of 1861-5, and who was a citizen of the State of Florida, A. D. 1890, and who has so continued and who does not own nor have under his control property exceeding in value the sum of five hundred dollars. The foregoing provision shall inure to the benefit of the widow of any Confederate soldier or sailor whose husband was entitled to the same

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

Add after the proviso adopted to Section 1 the following:

Any person who gives or conducts an entertainment for profits, commonly known as festivals, at which is sold or offered for sale food or drink, shall first pay a license tax of fifteen dollars. Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars; Provided, That entertainments given for church, charitable or public purposes shall be exempt from the provision of this Section.

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

In line 506, paragraph 24, Section 1, after the word "county," add, "and all persons exhibiting under tents, or otherwise, for pay or as an inducement to other business, mummers, petrified skeletons and rare animals, shall pay a license tax of ten dollars."

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 2 was read.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205 (printed bill):

Strike out all words in Section 2 after the word "months," in 23d line of said section.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

Strike out the word "and," in line 21 of Section 10, and insert in lieu thereof the word "or."

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

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

Strike out the words "for not less than six months" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "for not more than twelve months, or both such fine and imprisonment."

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

Section 3 was read.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205 (printed bill):

Strike out the words "published in the county" in line 13 of Section 3, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "published at the County seat of such county, if there be any such newspaper, and if there be no newspaper published at the County seat, then in some newspaper published in the county."

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was not agreed to.

Section 4 was read.

Mr. Wilson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205 (printed bill):

Strike out the word "owner" on line 14, Section 51, page 33, between the words "the" and "of," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "purchaser, or holder of the certificates of sale."

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was not agreed to.

Section 5 was read.

Section 6 was read.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

Between Sections 2 and 3, insert as Section 3, and number following sections accordingly:

That Section 24, Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, be amended to read as follows:

Section 24. If any assessor, when making his assessment, shall discover that any land in his county has for any reason escaped legal assessment for either or all of the three previous years, or that any land was illegally sold for taxes, and was then liable to taxation, he shall in addition to the assessment of such lands for that year, assess the same separately, for such year or years that it may have so escaped legal taxation or was so illegally sold, at the cash value thereof in such year, noting distinctly the year when such land escaped legal taxation or was illegally sold, and such assessment shall have the same force and effect as it would have had if made in the year that the same escaped legal assessment and taxation, and taxes shall be levied and collected thereon, in like manner, and together with the taxes of the year in which the assessment is made, but no land shall be assessed for more than three years arrears of taxes, and all lands shall be subject to such taxes omitted to be legally assessed into whosoever hands they may come; Provided, The assessor shall not assess any lot or parcel of land certified or sold to the State for any previous year, unless such lot or parcel of land so certified or sold shall be included in the list furnished by the Comptroller to the Assessor as provided by law.

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to the amendment of Mr. Reeves to Senate Bill No. 205:

Strike out the words "into whomsoever hands they may come," in line 22, Section 24, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "so long as such lands remain in the hands of the owner who held them at the time said lands were properly assessable."

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved the adoption of the amendment to the amendmet.

Which was not agreed to.

Pending consideration of Mr. Reeves' amendment, Mr Adams moved that when the Senate adjourn to-day it adjourn to 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller moved that the Enrolling Committee be allowed an additional clerk.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson asked for leave of absence for one week.

Which was granted.

By permission—

Mr. McCreary introduced—

Senate Bill No. 232:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the sale or giving away of diseased nursery stock or seeds of any kind, and to provide punishment for the same.

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

The President had the Secretary read the following invitation:

Senator Myers requests me to extend to the members of the Senate, its attaches, and the members of the press reporting its daily proceedings, an invitation to take an excursion on the Gulf on Thursday afternoon next. The train will leave the F. C. and P. depot at 2 o'clock p. m., and returning will arrive at Tallahassee at 9 p. m.

Mr. Wilson moved that the invitation of Mr. Myers be accepted and spread upon the Journal.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hooker moved that the Senate adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate adjourned until Wednesday at 9 o'clock A. M.