

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

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

Mr. President,

Messrs—	Crill,	McLin,
Baker,	Crosby,	Palmer of 14th,
Barber.	Denham,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Dimick,	Roberts,
Broome,	Fuller,	Rogers,
Eynum,	Gaillard,	Sams,
Carson,	Hooker,	Wadsworth,
Chaires,	McCaskill,	Williams,
Clark,	McCreary,	

Answering roll-call—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by Mr. Crosby in the absence of the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Reeves:

Senate Bill No. 233:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize E. H. Miller, J. J. McCullagh, J. J. McCaskill and R. E. L. McCaskill, partners doing business as the E. H. Miller Boom Company, to construct and maintain certain booms in the Choctawhatchee River and arms thereof.

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

By Mr. Rogers:

Senate Bill No. 234:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2259, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to incorporation of associations not for profit.

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

By Mr. McLin:

Senate Bill No. 235:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the town of Lees-

burg, Florida, to acquire lands and to erect, or provide means for the erection of public buildings for the county of Lake, and provide for payment for same.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 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. 316:

To be entitled an act to make it unlawful for hogs or swine to run at large on Fruitland Peninsula, in Putnam County, Fla., and to provide for impounding and sale of same.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 316, 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 16, 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. 301:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Baptist Convention.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 301, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Carson moved that House Bill No. 301 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 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. 313:

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.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 313, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 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. 272:

To be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act for the

protection and preservation of certain plumed birds of this State, approved June 5, 1891, Chapter 4050, Laws 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. 272, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Game.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 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. 42:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Wrought Iron Range Company.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 42, 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 16, 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. 66:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4548 of the Laws of Florida, Acts of 1897, entitled an act to require the official phosphate sampler of each port of this State from

which phosphates are shipped to inspect each and every car of phosphate arriving at such port for shipment, and to issue certificates for the same, and to provide his compensation therefor.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 66, 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 16, 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. 112:

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

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 112, 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 16, 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. 11:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 8 of "an act

entitled an act to provide for establishing, working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of the several counties of this State, and to provide penalties for failure thereof," approved May 20, 1895.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 11, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 251:

To be entitled an act to change the name of the Florida Asylum for Indigent Lunatics.

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

Very respectfully,

JAS. S. DENHAM,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 251, 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 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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. Respectfully return the same and recommend its reference to the Committee on City and County Organization, as it refers entirely to municipal affairs.

Very respectfully,

C. B. ROGERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 223, contained in the above report, was referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

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

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 224, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Broome, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 216:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 2263 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the crossing of tracks of railroad trains.

Also,

House Bill No. 185:

To be entitled an act for the better protection of passengers on railway trains in the State of Florida.

Also,

House Bill No. 200:

To be entitled an act to prevent unauthorized persons from giving signals to railroad trains or engineers.

Also,

House Bill No. 201:

To be entitled an act to prevent unauthorized persons from answering or otherwise interfering with signals connected with railroads or trains.

Also,

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.

Have carefully considered the same and report them back with a recommendation that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

JAS. E. BROOME,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 216 and House Bills Nos. 185, 200, 201 and 246, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Broome, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Railroads to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 196:

To be entitled an act to prevent persons beating their way on railroad trains in this State.

Have carefully considered the same and report it back to Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 196, 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 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to abolish the present municipal government of Lakeland, in the county of Polk, State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as Lakeland, and to define its territorial boundary and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges;

Also,

House Concurrent Resolution and memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking for amendments to the Interstate Commerce Commission law.

Also,

An act to repeal all fence laws in township fifty-one (51), range twenty-five (25), and township fiftyone (51) and fifty-two (52) in range twenty-six (26) south and east, in the County of Lee, State of Florida;

Also,

An act for the protection of the natural or public oyster beds within the jurisdiction of the County of Franklin, State of Florida.

Also,

An act to amend Section 1478 of the Revised Statutes of State of Florida, relating to residence required in order to obtain a divorce;

Also,

An act in relation to the sale of garden, melon and other vegetable seed in the State of Florida.

Beq 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 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 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to abolish the present municipal government of Lakeland, in the county of Polk, State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as Lakeland, and to define its territorial boundary and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges;

Also,

House Concurrent Resolution and memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking for amendments to the Interstate Commerce Commission law.

Also,

An act to repeal all fence laws on 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,

An act for the protection of the natural or public oyster beds within the jurisdiction of the County of Franklin, State of Florida.

Also,

An act to amend Section 1478 of the Revised Statutes of State of Florida, relating to residence required in order to obtain a divorce;

Also,

An act in relation to the sale of garden, melon and other vegetable seed in the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Also,

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.

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills No. 227 and 230, contained in the above
report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 102:

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

Beç leave to report that they were evenly divided in opin-
ion in regard to same and return it herewith without recom-
mendation.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 102, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1899.

Hon Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—
House substitute for—
House Bill No. 127:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the marking, branding, buying and selling range, stock and beef cattle in the State of Florida, and prescribing a punishment for any violation thereof.

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

Very respectfully,
FRED T. MYERS,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Substitute for House Bill No. 127, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 209:

A bill to be entitled an act repealing 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 20, 1895, and the amendments thereof, and providing for the payment of criminal costs and the hiring of county convicts

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

In Section 4, line 10, after the word "imposed," insert "ex-

cept in counties where there is a Criminal Court of Record, the Clerks of Circuit Courts shall be entitled to the same fees as allowed for similar work. In line 7, before the word "Courts," insert the word "Circuit."

In Section 7, line 38, strike out the words "three years" and insert the words "one year," and add to Section 7 the following:

Provided, That any officer shall have the right to institute such suit at any time within one year after the passage of this act to recover compensation for any services heretofore rendered and not allowed.

In Section 8, line 4, after the word "made," insert "which shall be as follows: For feeding ten prisoners or less, forty cents per day each; for feeding all over ten prisoners, thirty cents per day each."

And as amended, that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 209, 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 17, 1899.

Hon Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 148:

To be entitled an act regulating the descent of homesteads and the widow's interest therein.

Also,

House Bill No. 228:

To be entitled an act relating to the taking of depositions by commission, and prescribing the compensation of commissioners.

Also,

House Bill No. 229:

To be entitled an act making judgments and decrees of the Circuit Courts of this State, and certified copies thereof, admissible as prima facie evidence of the entry and validity of such judgments and decrees.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 222:

To be entitled an act to require the Clerk of the Supreme Court to furnish the reports of the decisions of said court for the use of the United States District Judges in Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Judiciary Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 148, House Bill No. 228 and House Judiciary Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 229, and Senate Bill No. 222, contained in the above report, were 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, 65 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. Reeves and his motion to adopt pending:

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

Section 3. 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 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 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 that Senate Bill No. 205 be temporarily laid aside.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 46:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Fuller offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 46:

Strike out enacting clause.

Mr. Fuller moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Fuller stated that he was paired with Mr. Wilson on this bill; that if Mr. Wilson were present he would vote against the amendment, and he (Mr. Fuller) would vote for it.

Mr. Fuller offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 46:

At the end of the 3rd line of Section 1 add the words "during the period between the 15th day of November and the 1st day of December of each year."

Mr. Fuller moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 46:

After the word "Wakulla," in line 1 of Section 2, insert the word "Hillsborough."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blitch offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 46:

In line 2 of Section 1 strike out the words "Wakulla and Franklin and Hillsborough," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "the State of Florida."

Mr. Blitch moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blitch offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 46:

In the title of the bill strike out the words "Wakulla and Franklin," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "the State of Florida."

Mr. Blitch moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 46.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 46 was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Harris moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Which was agreed to.

The Senate then took up.

Senate Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 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, 60 and 67 of Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

With the following amendment by Mr. Reeves pending:

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 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 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 offered the following amendment to his amendment to Senate Bill No. 205:

In line 10, after the word "taxation" add "and for which the full amount of the taxes for such year or years has not been paid."

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment as amended.

Which was agreed to.

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

Amend title by inserting between the figures "10" and "51" the figures "24."

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 205, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

A message was received from the Governor.

By permission—

Mr. O'Brien introduced:

Senate Bill No. 236:

A bill to be entitled an act to require street car companies doing business in this State to provide separate compartments, or cars, for the conveyance of persons of color, and to provide penalties for violations of this act.

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

By permission—

Mr. Rogers introduced :

Senate Bill No. 237:

A bill to be entitled an act affecting the government, jurisdiction, powers and duties of the municipality of Jacksonville.

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

By permission—

Mr. Gaillard introduced:

Senate Bill No. 238:

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge the corporate powers of the City of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida.

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

By permission—

Mr. Hooker introduced:

Senate Bill No. 239:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of E. E. Skipper.

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

At 11:30 A. M.

Mr. Barber moved.

That the Senate go into executive session.

Which was agreed to.

And the doors were closed.

At 11:40 A. M. the doors were opened.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President,	Crosby,	O'Brien,
Messrs.—	Denham,	Palmer of 11th,
Baker,	Dimick,	Palmer of 14th,
Britch,	Fuller,	Roberts,
Broome,	Gaillard,	Rogers,
Rynum,	Harris,	Sams,
Carson,	Hooker,	Williams,
Chaires,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth,
Clark,	McCreary,	
Crill,	McLin,	

Answering roll-call—26.

A quorum present.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 150:

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

Was taken up, having been laid aside during the considera-

tion of Senate Bill No. 205 and House Bill No. 46—and read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 150,

The vote was:

Yeas—

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

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 150, having failed to receive the necessary vote of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, failed to pass.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Harris moved to indefinitely postpone Senate Bill No. 182.

Which was not agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 182 was ordered referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 167:

A bill to be entitled an act to make it unlawful for any person or persons to fell trees across, or otherwise obstruct, neighborhood roads in the several counties of this State.

Was taken up.

Mr. Blitch moved that he be allowed to withdraw Senate Bill No. 167.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blitch moved that the rules be waived and that he be allowed to call up Senate Bill No. 176 out of its order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 176:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the Governor to have all State offices examined; to report such examinations to the Legislature, and to repeal Sections 111, 127, 128 and 129 of the Revised Statutes.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Blitch moved that Senate Bill No. 176 be placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 109:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the feed of prisoners and fixing the price to be paid for feeding them.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that House Bill No. 109 be infinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to:

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee of Education, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 201:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 4331, Laws of Florida, approved June 3, 1895, entitled an act to amend Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 16, 17 and 19, of Chapter 4192 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act entitled an act to prescribe rules and regulations for licensing teachers, to provide for uniform examinations, and to secure fairness in examinations and in issuing teachers' certificates and for other purposes.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and report the same without recommendation, their be-

ing an equal division of the committee present for and against.

Very respectfully,
 B. H. PALMER,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 201, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Broome, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.
 Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 236:

A bill to be entitled an act to require street car companies doing business in this State to provide separate compartments, or cars, for the conveyance of persons of color, and to provide a penalty for violation of this act.

Have carefully considered the same and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,
 JAS. E. BROOME,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 236, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber.
 Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to abolish the present municipal government of Lakeland, in the County of Polk, State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known

and designated as Lakeland and to define its territorial boundary, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges;

Also,

House Concurrent Resolution and Memorial to the Congress of the United States asking for amendments to the Interstate Commerce Commission Laws;

Also,

An act to repeal all fence laws in township fifty-one (51), range twenty-five (25), and townships fifty-one (51) and fifty-two (52), in range twenty-six (26), south and east in the County of Lee, State of Florida.

Also,

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;

Also,

An act to amend Section 1478 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to residence required in order to obtain a divorce.

Also,

An act in relation to the sale of garden, melon and other vegetable seed in the State of Florida.

Be it remembered that the same have been duly signed by 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—

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range twenty-five (25), and townships fifty-one (51) and fifty-two (52), in range twenty-six (26), south and east in the County of Lee, State of Florida.

Also,

An act for the protection and preservation of the natural or public cyster beds within the jurisdiction of the County of Franklin, State of Florida;

Also,

An act to amend Section 1478 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to residence required in order to obtain a divorce.

Also,

An act in relation to the sale of garden, melon and other vegetable seed in the State of Florida.

The acts were 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.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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Also,

An act in relation to the sale of garden, melon and other vegetable seed in the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The following was ordered spread on the Journal:

State of Florida, Executive Department,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 12, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have approved and signed the following bills originating with that honorable body and have to-day filed the same in the office of the Secretary of State:

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.

Also,

An act to authorize and empower cities and towns to issue negotiable coupon bonds for the refunding or payment in whole or in part of existing bonded indebtedness.

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.

Also,

An act to regulate the burning of woods, forests, and prairie lands in Osceola County, Fla.

Also,

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 establish-

ing an electric light plant to be owned and operated by the City of St. Augustine, and to provide for the issue 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 and to declare and render valid said ordinance and to authorize the issue of bonds as provided by said ordinance.

Also,

An act to cause to be audited and paid to the account of James C. Porter, proprietor and manager of the Ocala Evening Star, a newspaper published in the City of Ocala, Florida, 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,

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

Also,

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,

A memorial to the Congress of the United States requesting an appropriation for the construction of a lighthouse at or near Hillsborough Inlet on the East Coast of Florida.

Also,

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

Very respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM,

Governor.

The Senate resumed consideration of bills on second reading

And,

House Bill No. 53:

To be entitled an act to authorize the Boards of Count

Commissioners to protect and improve property and roads and to make assessments for the cost, and to provide the time and manner of payment for same, and to issue local bonds therefor.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Hendley moved that House Bill No. 53 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 174:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring fire insurance companies lawfully doing business in the State of Florida to transact their business in said State through their agents, who are residents of the State, and regulating the insurance of property in this State by citizens thereof in companies not authorized to transact business in the State, and fixing penalties for violations of this act.

Was taken up, having previously been read a second time.

Mr. Baker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 174:

Strike out the words "fire-marine or marine," in line 1, Section 1 (printed bill).

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 174:

Strike out the words "fire-marine or marine" in line 2, Section 2 (printed bill.)

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 174:

Strike out the words "fire-marine or marine" in line 2, and 3, Section 3 (printed bill.)

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 174:

Strike out the words "fire-marine or marine" in line 1, Section 4 (printed bill.)

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 174:

Strike out all of Section 5 (printed bill.)

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 174, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Roberts asked to be excused until Monday next.

Mr. Roberts was excused.

Mr. Falmer of 11th moved that the Senate adjourn until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

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

CONFIRMATIONS.

TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AT LAKE CITY—

Hon. E. K. Foster, Gainesville, Fla.

Hon. C. A. Carson, Kissimmee, Fla.

Hon. Geo. W. Wilson, Jacksonville, Fla.

Hon. F. E. Harris, Ocala, Fla.

Hon. John D. Calloway, Lake City, Fla.

Hon. L. Harrison, Lake City, Fla.

Hon. E. D. Beggs, Pensacola, Fla.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Madison County—

District No. 1—Wm. H. Dial, Jr.

District No. 2—G. W. Sutley.

District No. 3—L. J. Porter.

District No. 4—N. W. McDonald.

District No. 5—W. B. Williams.

Polk County—

District No. 1—William T. Hull.

District No. 2—Arthur Keen.

District No. 3—Thomas L. Hughes.

District No. 4—A. B. Harrington

District No. 5—Herbert J. Drane.