

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

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

Answering roll-call—25.

A quorum present.

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

The Journal was corrected and approved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Rogers:

Senate Bill No. 240:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize certain persons, who were in the military or naval service of the United States in the late war with Spain, to qualify as electors of the City of Jacksonville at the next municipal election.

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

By Mr. Baker:

Senate Bill No. 241:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for county adoptions of uniformity of Text Books in the public free schools of this State.

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

By Mr. Williams (by request):

Senate Bill No. 242:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to Boom Companies organized under the general corporation laws of this State.

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

By Mr. Williams (by request):

Senate Bill No. 243:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to injuries to booms and taking logs, lumber, timber and other floatables therefrom.

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

By Mr. O'Brien:

Senate Bill No. 244:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the disposition of estates when the heirs or legatees or their residences are unknown or there are contests between persons claiming to be heirs or legatees.

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

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 22:

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

Be leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. B. ROGERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 22, 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 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—

House Joint Resolution No. 17:

Resolution authorizing the Governor to offer a reward for apprehension and conviction of certain felons.

Also the following:

Senate Bill No. 215:

To be entitled an act to provide for the inspection of sawn and hewn pitch pine timber.

Also the following:

Senate Bill No. 229:

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

Beg 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 Nos. 215 and 229, and House Joint Resolution No. 17, contained in the above report, were 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 18, 1899.

Hon Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 166:

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

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 166, 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 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 98:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize suits to recover damages for death of minors caused by the negligence of corporations or private associations of persons.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend the following amendment:

In Section 1, line 8, after the words "may assess," insert the following: "not to exceed five thousand dollars."

And as thus amended that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 98, contained in the above report, together with committee amendment, 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 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 155:

A bill to be entitled an act to punish cruelty to children.

Also,

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.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 152 :

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

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bills Nos. 155 and 316, and Senate Bill No. 152, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. Chaires, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

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

Very respectfully,

T. P. CHAIRES,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 232, 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 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills 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.

Also,

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.

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

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 182 and 174, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. O'Brien, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred—

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.

Have carefully considered the same and report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Very Respectfully,

J. ED. O'BRIEN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 233, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on City and County Organization, 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.

Also,

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.

Have carefully considered the same and recommend their passage.

Very respectfully,

J. H. T. BYNUM,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 223 and 224, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 235:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the town of Leesburg, 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.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 237:

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

Also,

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.

Have carefully considered the same and recommend their passage.

Very respectfully,

J. H. T. BYNUM,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 235, 237 and 238, contained in the above report, were 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 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—  
House Bill No. 245:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1, Chapter 4558, approved June 4, 1897, relating to the preservation and protection of food fishes in the fresh water rivers, creeks, bayous and streams in the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and herewith submit a substitute for same and recommend that said substitute do pass.

Very respectfully,

H. W. FULLER,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 245, contained in the above report, together with committee substitute therefor, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Hendley, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report.

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Privileges and Elections to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 200:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the holding of political primary elections in the State of Florida, and providing penalties for the violation of the same.

Have carefully considered the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. A. HENDLEY,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 200, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 204:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable the State of Florida to more effectually realize moneys due it on judgments and decrees.

Was taken up and read second time in full.

Mr. Hooker moved that Senate Bill No. 204 be placed on Calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 199:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the marking of all agricultural products grown in the State of Florida and shipped beyond the limits of this State with marks showing that they were grown in Florida, and providing penalties for the violation of the same.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 199 was ordered referred to committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 207:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Examiners, and to regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of Florida, the same being chapter 3711 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 7th, 1897.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the following amendment offered by the Committee on Judiciary.

Strike out all in Section 2, after the words "licensed physicians and surgeons."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers moved that Senate Bill No. 207 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 101:

To be entitled an act relating to the power of Circuit Court Judges in cases where the regular panel of jurors has been quashed for irregularity in the drawing of them or for other causes.

Was taken up.

Mr. Myers moved that House Bill No. 101 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 149:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issuing of three hundred and twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars of bonds, for the purpose of refunding and redeeming the seven per cent. bonds issued under an act of the Legislature of January 26, 1871, and the six per cent. bonds issued under an act of the Legislature approved February 21, 1873.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 149 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 212:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for certain inspections of rosin and turpentine, and for the appointment of inspectors therefor.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Hendley offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 212:

Strike out the words "ship or carry out of this State" in Section 1, line 1, after the word "to," printed bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Buy or sell."

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which—

Mr. Bitch moved that Senate Bill No. 212 be laid on table subject to call, and that 200 copies be printed.

Which was agreed to.

## House Bill No. 197:

To be entitled an act to prevent unauthorized persons interfering with any railroad train, cars or engines.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 197 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

## House Bill No. 174:

To be entitled an act to extend the time for commencing work on the Western Peninsular Railroad Company.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 174 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

## Senate Bill No. 218:

To be entitled an act to abolish the municipality of the town of Altoona, in Lake County, Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. McLin moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 218 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 218 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. McLin moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 218 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 218 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Crosby,	McCreary,
Messrs.—	Denham,	McLin,
Baker,	Dimick,	Myers,
Blicht,	Fuller,	O'Brien,
Broome,	Gaillard,	Palmer of 14th,
Bynum,	Harris,	Reeves,
Carson,	Hendley,	Rogers,
Clark,	Hooker,	Williams—25.
Crill,	McCaskill,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

## House Bill No. 199:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris moved that House Bill No. 199 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 72:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 2, Chapter 4214, Laws of Florida, being an act to better protect the oyster beds of this State, approved May 30th, 1893.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 72 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 302:

To be entitled an act to exempt the County of Washington from the enforcement of the provision of Chapter 4557, approved June 4, 1897, the same being an act for the protection of fishes in the waters of the State of Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. Clark moved that House Bill No. 302 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 215:

To be entitled an act relating to the appointment, powers and duties of guardians of insane persons and lunatics.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 215 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 285:

To be entitled an act to relieve physicians who have practiced medicine continuously and successfully since the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 285 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 210:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the punishment for the distillery or other manufacture of liquors, wines or beer in counties voting against the sale of said liquors.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Adams moved that Senate Bill No. 210 be laid on table, subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 266:

To be entitled an act in relation to obtaining money or other personal property under false promises, or for violatio

of contract, providing penalties therefor, where the amount involved in such charges does not exceed twenty dollars, supplementary to Chapter 4032, Laws of Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Harris moved that House Bill No. 256 be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Harris withdrew the motion to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. Barber moved that House Bill No. 266 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 223:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 2507 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to maliciously killing animals of another.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that House Bill No. 223 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 163:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Charles Rheinauer.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the committee substitute therefor with the following title:

Senate Bill No. 163:

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.

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the committee substitute.

Which was agreed to.

And Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 163 was read a second time and ordered referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the committee substitute therefor.

Mr. Baker moved that the committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 136 be adopted,

Which was agreed to.

And Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 136 was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

House Bill No. 237:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the assessment and levy of taxes in the City of Tampa, and to legalize tax certificates and prescribe the method of collecting the same.

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 237 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 237 was read a second time by its title.

And House Bill No. 237 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and the Senate take up messages from the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 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. 171:

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

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

And Senate Bill No. 171, 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 17, 1899

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to

And the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 321:

To be entitled an act to provide for the payment of defendant's witnesses in criminal cases.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 321, 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 17, 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 Memorial to the Congress of the United States asking for proper and immediate legislation against trusts.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Memorial, 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 17, 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. 303:

To be entitled an act for the relief of tax payers in the storm belt of the Counties of Alachua, Levy, Lafayette, Suwannee, Columbia, Baker, Bradford and Nassau.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 303, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and on motion of Mr McCreary, laid on table subject to call.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 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 declined to concur in Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 118—

And respectfully requests the Senate to recede therefrom.

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

Mr. Reeves moved that the Senate insist upon its substitute for House Bill No. 118, and asks for a Committee of Conference.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed upon the Committee of Conference, on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Reeves and Palmer of 11th.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 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. 6:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4317 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to organize and establish a County Court in and for Alachua County and to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney for such County Court," approved May 24, A. D. 1893.

With amendments thereto.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. McCreary moved that the House amendments to Senate Bill No. 6 be concurred in.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 6, 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 17, 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. 50:

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the criminal jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 50, 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 17, 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. 133:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Southwestern Railroad Company to abandon its railroad, and to take up, remove and otherwise dispose of its rails and other property, and to revoke the unsatisfied land grants to the Green Cove Springs and Melrose Railroad Company, and the Western Railroad.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 133, 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 17, 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. 120:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for commencement of work of the Etoniah Canal and Drainage Company.

With amendments thereto.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 120, contained in the above message, was taken up with House amendments.

Mr. Crill moved that the Senate disagree to House amend-

ment, as follows, and requests the House to recede therefrom:

Provided, That the Etoniah Canal and Drainage Company shall begin cutting the canals within twelve months from the approved by the Governor of this act and said company shall continue until said canals are finished; provided, further, That they shall give bond, to be approved by the Governor, in the sum of ten thousand dollars as a guarantee that the canals will be kept open for twenty years from the date of their completion.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill moved that the Senate adopt the following House amendment:

Provided, That unless the corporation shall within 60 days from the passage and approval of this act, pay into the State Treasury the charter fee charged under the general incorporative laws of this State, this extension shall be null and void and of no effect or force whatsoever.

Which was agreed to.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 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. 18:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to persons convicted in Municipal Courts, and their employment upon streets and public works of municipalities.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 18, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 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. 73:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the term of office for commissioners of deeds, and to provide a time when the commissions of commissioners of deeds heretofore appointed shall expire, and to declare valid the acts of commissioners of deeds when commissions are more than four years since issued.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 73, 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 17, 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. 108:

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

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 108, 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 17, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 119:

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

With the following amendments:

Amendments offered by the House of Representatives to Senate Bill No. 119:

Amend by adding to Section 1 the following:

“Provided, That unless said corporation shall, within sixty days from the passage and approval of this act, pay into the State Treasury all fees and expenses charged corporations for incorporating under the general incorporation laws of Florida, this act shall be null and void and of no force and effect whatsoever.”

Also,

In fourth line of Section 10, strike out the words “reasonable diligence,” and insert therefor the following words:

“Within four years from date of beginning work.”

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 119, with amendments adopted by the House of Representatives, be laid on table subject to call, on account of the absence of Mr. Wilson.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 313:

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

Have carefully considered the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. F. BARBER,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 313, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 11, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Education to whom was referred—

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.

Have carefully considered the same and recommend that it do pass

Very respectfully,

B. H. PALMER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 186, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

The Committee on Legislative Expenses introduced:

Senate Bill No. 245:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1899.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Blicht moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 245 be read a second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 245 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Blicht moved that Senate Bill No. 245 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Carson introduced—

Senate Bill No. 246:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the collection of and accounting for poll taxes collected in this State.

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

By permission—

Mr. Reeves introduced—

Senate Bill No. 247:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 4405, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1895, approved May 16, 1895, the same being an act entitled an act to amend Sections 2454, 2435, 2437 and 2438, Revised Statutes, relating to breaking and entering a dwelling house, building, ship, vessel or railroad car with intent to commit a misdemeanor or felony, and to prescribe a rule of evidence in such cases.

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

The Senate resumed consideration of bills on second reading.

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 in the State of Florida, and to prevent the hauling or dragging of seines or nets therein.

Was taken up and read the second time in full, together with the committee substitute therefor, with the following title:

Senate Bill No. 54:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4558 of the 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.

Mr. Fuller moved the adoption of the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 54:

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and that Substitute for Senate Bill No. 54 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 64 be placed on Calendar of Bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 213 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 213 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Dimick,	O'Brien,
Messrs. Baker,	Fuller,	Palmer of 14th,
Barber,	Gaillard,	Palmer of 11th,
Broome,	Harris,	Reeves,
Carson,	Hooker,	Sams,
Clark,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth,
Crill,	McCreary,	Williams—25.
Crosby,	McLin,	
Denham,	Myers,	

Nays—Mr. Blitch—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and that all bills passed by the Senate to-day be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and they were so certified.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 47, now on table subject to call, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 47:

To be entitled an act to authorize County Commission of the County of Lee to adopt rules and regulations for use and preservation of wild game, birds of song and of age, wild animals, the skins of which are of commercial and food fish.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 47:

Add at end of Section 1:

Provided, The County Commissioners of Lee County shall not adopt any rule or regulation which may open any month for hunting deer or turkey other than those embraced in the general game law of the State.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And,

House Bill No. 47, as amended, was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 211:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville and Tampa Bay Improved Railway Company, and grant lands to aid in its construction, approved May 16, 1895.

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 211 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 211 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that Senate Bill No. 211 be placed on Calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 206:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to establish a battalion of naval militia, to be known as the First Naval Battalion of the State of Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that Senate Bill No. 206 be laid on table subject to call, and remain on second reading.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Joint Resolution No. 221 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 221:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 12,

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Joint Resolution No. 221 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 221 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the Joint Resolution,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Crill,	Myers,
Messrs.—	Crosby,	O'Brien,
Baker,	Denham,	Palmer of 14th,
Barber,	Fuller,	Palmer of 11th,
Blitch,	Gaillard,	Reeves,
Broome,	Hooker,	Rogers,
Bynum,	McCaskill,	Sams,
Carson,	McCreary,	Williams—25.
Clark,	McLin,	

Nays—None.

So the Joint Resolution, having received a majority of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, passed, title as stated.

House Substitute for—

House Bill No. 248:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Substitute for House Bill No. 248 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 260:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 260 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Harris moved that the Senate adjourn until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Which was granted.

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

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CONFIRMATION.

To be harbor master in and for the port of Port Tampa,  
Fla.—Hon. John Bradley of Tampa.