

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

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

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

Answering roll-call—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the printer be requested to return the original Senate Bill No. 228, or the printed bill to-day.

Which was agreed to.

The following communication from the Governor was read and ordered spread upon the Journal:

State of Florida, Executive Department,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have this day signed and filed with the Secretary of State, a bill originating in the Senate, and entitled:

An act making additional appropriations to cover deficiencies in the appropriations made by the Legislature of 1897 for the payment of jurors and witnesses.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM,

Governor.

The following communication was read:

DeFuniak Springs, Fla., May 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams, President of the Senate, and Senators,
Tallahassee, Fla.:

Gentlemen—We, licensed teachers of Florida, in meeting assembled, do most earnestly and respectfully petition your honorable body—

*First. That no law be passed granting further leniency in the issuing of second and third grade teachers' certificates, or further extension in the time of their duration.

Second. That the issuing of more than two third grade certificates to one teacher be prohibited.

Third. That we favor appropriations by the State for summer training schools.

Fourth. That no teacher be granted a first grade certificate for an indefinite period until he shall have shown his ability by having taken a second first grade certificate upon the expiration of his first one.

Carle Jernigan, Santa Rosa County; E. W. McMullen, Hillsborough County; James McL. Gillis, Walton; H. E. Bennett, State Normal School; M. Ola Owens, Holmes County; Annie Calvin, Walton; Lonnie I. Landrum, Walton; S. D. Cawthon, State Normal School; Mabel Lee, Clay; Eunice Campbell, Walton; J. R. Pumphrey, Jackson; T. C. Stallings, Santa Rosa; Don Register, Hillsborough; John W. Sketo, Jackson (excent Section 4); John Watson, Walton; Christian McDonald, Walton; Ellis Geiger, Clay; Orin Bailey, Walton; Michael King, Walton; Della Moore, Walton; Mollie Jernigan, Santa Rosa; Cora Coleman, Escambia; Ettie Carn, Leon; Etta Jones, Santa Rosa; Johnie Gillis, Walton; Rachel McQuarrie, Walton; Elsie Nipe, Walton.

The following communication was read:

DeFuniak Springs, Fla., May 18, 1899.

To the Honorable Frank Adams and the Senate of the State of Florida:

Whereas, In our opinion as a body of teachers, any change in the Florida school law whereby the length of term for which first, second and third grade certificates are good, shall be extended would be incompatible with the elements of progress, and therefore detrimental to the educational interests of the State; and,

Whereas, We are convinced that through the influence of summer schools, great good has been accomplished in bring-

ing the teachers of the remote districts in touch with the best culture and talent of the State by giving them modern methods of instruction and by placing before them the highest conception of duty and of life; and,

Whereas, County Boards of Public Instruction are in a better position to know the financial needs of public schools than County Commissioners; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the State Normal Alumni Association, That we petition your honorable body, the Senate:

First—That no law providing for the extension of term of first, second and third grade certificates be enacted.

Second—That your honorable body make a liberal appropriation for the maintenance of summer schools.

Third—That the power of levying taxes for county school purposes be vested in the County School Boards.

Fourth—That the law be amended so that no person shall be granted more than two third grade certificates.

HENRY J. ROGERS,

Secretary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. O'Brien:

Senate Bill No. 251:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Escambia Electric Light and Power Company.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 251 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 251 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 251 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 251 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Mr. President,
Messrs. Baker,
Barber,
Blitch,

Clark,
Crill,
Crosby,
Denham, ;

O'Brien,
Palmer of 14th,
Rogers,
Sams,

Broome,
Bynum,
Carson,
Chaires,

McCaskill,
McCreary,
McLin,
Myers,

Wadsworth,
Williams—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 251 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and Senate Bill No. 251 was so certified.

By Mr. Clark:

Senate Bill No. 252:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 8 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, and approved April 20, 1895.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 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. 356:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1821 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, providing for inheritance from infants.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 356, 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 19, 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. 279:

To be entitled an act to confirm and convey to the grantees and assigns of the several railroad companies of the lands granted to the State of Florida for railroad purposes by Act of Congress, approved May 17, 1856, and to confirm the titles of said lands to the said grantees and their assigns.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 279, 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 19, 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. 101:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Minnie E. Kehoe, for services as stenographer in Circuit Court, Jackson County.

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

And Senate Bill No. 101, 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 19, 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. 122:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section (35) thirty-five and (40) forty, Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the boundary line between St. Johns and Volusia Counties.

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

And Senate Bill No. 122, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Herewith return the same and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 246, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

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

Very respectfully,

J. ED. O'BRIEN,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 242, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber
Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

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. 243, contained in the above report, 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 20, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 268:

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

Also,

Senate Bill No. 208:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Lieutenant A. R. Merrill, Lieutenant J. H. Bland, Ensign Cromwell Gibbons, Ensign F. D. Miller, Lieutenant D. W. Shea, Lieutenant C. H. Reid, Quartermaster Robert Handy, and Quartermaster H. B. Walker, members of the Florida Naval Militia, for services rendered during the Spanish war.

Have carefully considered the same and recommend their passage by the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 268 and Senate Bill No. 208, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Crosby, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 274:

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

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined said bill and respectfully report same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

A. CROSBY,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 274, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 71:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend Section 255 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and to define and to declare what number of hours shall compose a school day, approved June 6, 1893.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that the same do pass with the following amendments offered by the committee:

Add to said bill the following: "Provided, that this act shall not apply to holidays that are spent in observance of the intent and spirit of such holiday."

Very respectfully,

B. H. PALMER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 71, contained in the above report, together with committee amendment, 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 20, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 189:

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

Also,

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 we have carefully examined same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 189 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 196, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to increase the criminal jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

Also,

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.

Also,

An act relating to persons convicted in municipal courts, and their employment upon the streets and public works of municipalities.

Also,

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.

Also,

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.

Also,

An act for the relief of the Wrought Iron Range Company.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Camp Phosphate Company.

Also,

An act to extend the time of completing the canal of The Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, and to preserve and continue the grant of land to aid in its construction.

Also,

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 city, and beyond its corporate limits, and to authorize the said city and county authorities to enter into contracts with each other for that purpose.

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

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to increase the criminal jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

Also,

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.

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

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report, were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to increase the criminal jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

Also,

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.

Also,

An act relating to persons convicted in municipal courts, and their employment upon the streets and public works of municipalities.

Also,

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.

Also,

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.

Also,

An act for the relief of the Wrought Iron Range Company.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Camp Phosphate Company.

Also,

An act to extend the time of completing the canal of The Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, and to preserve and continue the grant of land to aid in its construction.

Also,

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 city, and beyond its corporate limits, and to authorize the said city and county authorities to enter into contracts with each other for that purpose.

Beg 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.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

A message was received from the House of Representatives. Senate Joint Resolution No. 198:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the following amendment of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

Strike out the words "two-thirds of all liquor license," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "all liquor license, State and county."

Mr. Palmer of 11th, Chairman Committee on Constitutional Amendment, withdrew the amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 198.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 198:

After the word "license," in fifth line of Section 9, add the words "State and County."

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

Pending which—

Mr. Hendley moved that further consideration of Senate Joint Resolution No. 198 be postponed until Tuesday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Which was not agreed to.

Consideration of the amendment was resumed.

Mr. Blich moved that the amendment of Mr. Palmer of 11th to Senate Joint Resolution No. 198 be laid on the table.

Which was not agreed to.

The yeas and nays were demanded on the amendment.

Upon call of the roll,

The vote was:

Yeas—	Harris,	Palmer of 14th,
Messrs.—	Hendley,	Palmer of 11th,
Denham,	McCaskill,	Rogers,
Dimick,	McCreary,	Williams—12.
Gaillard,	O'Brien,	
Nays—	Carson,	Hooker,
Mr. President,	Chaires,	McLin,
Messrs. Baker,	Clark,	Myers,
Barber,	Crill,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Crosby,	Sanas—16.
Bynum,	Fuller,	

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Broome was excused from voting.

Mr. McCreary moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 198 be indefinitely postponed:

Which was agreed to.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the following amendment proposed by the Committee on Indian Affairs:

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, liable to make good the title of any lands embraced in this act that have heretofore been conveyed or certified to any person, persons or corporation.

Mr. Harris requested that he be allowed to withdraw Senate Bill No. 183.

Which was granted.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived, and that he be allowed to call up House Bill No. 313 out of its order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 313 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Carson moved that House Bill No. 224 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 251:

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

Which was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 251 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 251 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Carson,	McCreary,
Messrs.—	Crill,	McLin,
Baker,	Crosby,	Myers,
Barber,	Denham,	O'Brien,
Blitch,	Fuller,	Palmer of 14th,
Broome,	Hooker,	Sams,
Bynum,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth—20.

Nays— None.

So the bill passed, title as stated:

House Bill No. 148:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 148 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 228:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 228 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 229 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 222:

A bill 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 of Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Myers moved that Senate Bill No. 222 be placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to.

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the amendments proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

The following committee amendment was read:

In Section 4, line 10, after the word "imposed," insert "except 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."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

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.

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

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."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 209, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 127:

To be entitled an act regulating the marking, branding, buying and selling range cattle in the State of Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 127 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 102:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Barber moved that House Bill No. 102 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was not agreed to.

And House Bill No. 102 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Crill offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 236:

Provided, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to street cars in cities of less than ten thousand inhabitants.

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 236 was ordered referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Hooker asked to be excused from attendance the balance of to-day.

Mr. Hooker was excused.

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

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 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. 366:

To be entitled an act to enable the City of Tallahassee to exercise the powers provided by Chapter 4600 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to enable cities and towns to manufacture and distribute gas and electricity and to construct, purchase and lease and establish and maintain within its limits, one or more plants for the manufacture and distribution of gas and electricity, for furnishing lights for municipal use, and for the use of such of its inhabitants as may require and pay for the same as herein provided, approved June 5, 1897, and to declare the manner in which such city may exercise such powers.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 366, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 366 be placed on Calendar of bills on second reading without reference.

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 20, 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—

House Concurrent Resolution relative to adjournment. And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution contained in the above message, was read the first time and laid over under the rules.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 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 Appointed Messrs. Wills of Bradford and Zewadski of Marion as a committee of conference on the part of the House on Senate Amendment to House Bill No. 118—To be entitled an act to amend Section 1615 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to trial of causes before Justices of the Peace and County Judges as ex-officio Justices of the Peace.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Consideration of bills on second reading was resumed.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 230 was ordered referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 201 was ordered referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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.

Was taken up.

Mr. McLin moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 235 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 235 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. McLin moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 235 be read a third time and put upon its passage,

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 235 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,	Myers,
Messrs.—	Denham,	Palmer of 14th,
Blitch,	Fuller,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Gaillard,	Sams,
Carson,	Hendley,	Williams--18.
Clark,	McCaskill,	
Crill,	McLin,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

A message was received from the Governor.

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.

Was taken up.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 233 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 233 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 233 be read a third time and put upon its passage,

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Pending the reading of Senate Bill No. 233,

Mr. Reeves moved that Senate Bill No. 233 be engrossed for a third reading.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 233 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 237:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 237 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

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

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 237 be read a third time and put upon its passage,

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 237 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Carson,	Harris,
Messrs.—	Clark,	McCaskill,
Baker,	Crill,	McCreary,
Barber,	Crosby,	McLin,
Blitch,	Denham,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Gaillard,	Sams— 17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

By permission—

Mr. McCreary introduced—

Senate Bill No. 253:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4217 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 said County Court," approved May 24, A. D. 1893.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McCreary moved that the Constitutional provision of reading bills on three separate days be waived and that Senate Bill No. 253 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 253 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. McCreary moved that the constitutional provision of reading of bills on three separate days be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 253 be read a third time and put upon its passage,

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 253 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas---

Mr. President,	Clark,	McCaskill,
Messrs. Baker,	Crill,	McCreary,
Barber.	Crosby,	McLin,
Blich,	Denham,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Fuller,	Sans--19.
Carson,	Gaillard,	
Chaires,	Harris,	

Nays--None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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.

Was taken up.

Mr. Gaillard moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 238 be read a third time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 238 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Gaillard moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 238 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 238 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas--

Mr. President,
Messrs. Baker,
Barber,
Blitch,
Broome,
Bynum,
Carson,

Chaires,
Clark,
Crill,
Crosby,
Denham,
Fuller,
Gaillard,

Harris,
McCaskill,
McLin,
Palmer of 14th,
Reeves,
Sams—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived, and that all bills passed by the Senate this morning be immediately certified to the House of Representatives

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the bills were so certified.

Mr. Palmer of 14th asked to be excused from attendance:

Mr. Palmer of 14th was excused.

Mr. Harris called up—

Senate Bill No. 23:

A bill to be entitled an act creating a State Bureau of Vital Statistics, and a registrar thereof, and requiring reports of births and deaths, and providing a penalty for failure to make such reports.

Now on table subject to call.

Mr. Harris withdrew Senate Bill No. 23.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and that he be allowed to call up House Bill No. 403 out of its regular order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 403:

To be entitled an act making an appropriation for the immediate necessities of the State Board of Health, and providing for a proper official receipt for all moneys paid to the State Board of Health.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 403 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 403 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—	Chaires,	McCreary,
Mr. President,	Crill.	McLin,
Messrs—	Denham,	Myers,
Baker,	Dimick,	O'Brien,
Blitch,	Fuller,	Rogers,
Broome,	Gaillard,	Sams—20.
Bynum,	Harris,	
Carson,	McCaskill,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Barber was excused from voting.

Mr. Harris called up—

Senate Bill No. 21:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the sanitary inspection of hotels and boarding houses by the State Board of Health, and prescribing a penalty for failing to place and keep said buildings in sanitary condition.

On table subject to call.

Mr. Harris withdrew Senate Bill No. 21.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 77 be taken up out of its order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 77:

To be entitled an act regulating the treatment of suspicious cases of contagious or infectious diseases, prescribing the duties of the State and municipal authorities therein, and providing for necessary costs and expenses thereof.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 77 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed*to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 77 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Clark,	McCreary,
Messrs—	Crill,	McLin,
Baker,	Denham,	Myers,
Barber,	Dimick,	O'Brien,
Blitch,	Fuller,	Palmer of 11th,
Bynum,	Gaillard,	Rogers,
Carson,	Harris,	Sams—22.
Chaires,	McCaskill,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 211 be taken up out of its order and read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

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 and read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—	Clark,	McLin,
Mr. President,	Crill,	Myers,
Messrs.—	Denham,	O'Brien,
Baker,	Dinick,	Palmer of 11th,
Barber,	Fuller,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Gaillard,	Rogers
Bynum,	Harris,	Sams,
Carson,	Hendley,	Wadsworth—24.
Chaires,	McCreary,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 227 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 366 be taken up out of its order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

House Bill No. 366:

To be entitled an act to enable the City of Tallahassee to exercise the powers provided by Chapter 4600 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to enable cities and towns to manufacture and distribute gas and electricity, and to construct, purchase and lease and establish and maintain within its limits one or more plants for the manufacture and distribution of gas and electricity, for furnishing lights for municipal use,

and for the use of such of its inhabitants as may require and pay for the same as herein provided, approved June 5, 1897, and to declare the manner in which such city may exercise such powers.

Was taken up.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 366 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 366 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 366 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 366 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas--

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

Nays--None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Blitch moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 245, on table subject to call, be taken up.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

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.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas--

Mr. President,	Chaires,	McLin,
Messrs--	Clark,	O'Brien,
Baker,	Crill,	Reeves,
Barber,	Fuller,	Rogers,

Blicht,
Bynum,
Carson,

Gaillard,
Hendley,
McCaskill,

Sams,
Wadsworth.
Williams—20.

Nays--None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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.

Was taken up.

Mr. Barber moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 223 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 223 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Barber moved that Senate Bill No. 223 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blicht 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.

Mr. Reeves, Chairman of the Conference Committee on the part of the Senate for House Bill No. 118, submitted the following report:

Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir--Your Committee on Conference, to whom was referred Senate Substitute for--

House Bill No. 118, beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend the adoption of the Senate Substitute, with the following amendment:

In line 8 (eight) of Section 1, immediately after the word "process," insert the words "in civil."

And that the said Senate Substitute, as so amended, do pass.

Very respectfully,

L. J. REEVES,

THOMAS PALMER,

On Part of the Senate.

J. T. WILLS,

W. K. ZEWADSKI,

On Part of the House.

Mr. Carson moved that the report be spread on the Journal and further action be postponed until Monday.

Which was agreed to.

The following communication from the Governor was ordered spread upon the Journal:

State of Florida, Executive Department,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 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 provide for the issue of bonds by the City of Fernandina for municipal purposes, and to authorize said City to value property taxable within its limits for taxation and to assess and collect taxes levied thereon by said city.

Also,

An act to provide for establishing, working, and repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of Lake County of this State.

Also,

An act for the relief of Burton G. Dyal.

Very respectfully;

W. D. BLOXHAM,

Governor.

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

Which was agreed to.

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