

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1896.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

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

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| Mr. President, | Clark,     | McCreary,  |
| Messrs—        | Crill,     | McLain,    |
| Baker,         | Crosby,    | O'Brien,   |
| Barber,        | Denham,    | Roberts,   |
| Blitch,        | Dinnick,   | Sams,      |
| Broome,        | Fuller,    | Wadsworth, |
| Bynum,         | Harris,    | Williams,  |
| Carson,        | McCaskill, | Wilson,    |

Answering roll-call—24.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The President announced that Wednesday's Journal would be laid before the Senate during the morning.

The President asked that Mr. Chaires be excused until Wednesday next.

Mr. Chaires was excused.

Mr. Carson stated that the Journal of the 23d showed that Senate Bill No. 205 passed this body by a vote of "yeas 16," and "nays none," whereas the secretary's notes read "yeas 16, nays 1," thus proving that a quorum voted.

Mr. Carson therefore moved that the House of Representatives be requested to return to the Senate for correction Senate Bill No. 205.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Broome asked that Mr. Palmer of the 14th be excused from attendance on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Palmer of the 14th was excused.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 322:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Vernon, in Washington County, Fla., and to provide for the election of municipal officers.

Have carefully considered the same and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

J. H. T. BYNUM,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 322, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Roberts, Chairman of the Special Committee to Visit the State Asylum for the Insane, submitted the following report.

The Legislature of the State of Florida—Session of 1899.

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Special Committee appointed under House Concurrent Resolution No. 14 to visit the State Asylum for the Insane at Chattahoochee, have the honor to make the following report:

#### Ward Statistics.

At the beginning of 1897, the Asylum had a ward population of 373, during that year 175 were admitted, making the total treated during that year 548. Of this number fifty were restored, one was dismissed by request, unimproved, three escaped, and fifty-one died, leaving 413 inmates at the close of the year.

In 1898 230 new patients were admitted, which made the total number treated during that year 673, of which eighty-one recovered, four discharged by request; unimproved, two as not insane; three escaped and ninety-two died, leaving 491 patients at the end of the year.

At the time of inspection by your Committee, there were 530 patients under treatment, eighty-six having been admitted since January 1, 1899, eighteen having recovered since that date; one having escaped, and twenty-five having died.

We find from the records of the institution, that the authorities are frequently forced to admit subjects in almost a dying condition from acute diseases or senility, and to these

causes, with apoplexy and encephalitis, in those of longer residence, is principally due the deaths which have occurred among the patients the past thirty months, comparatively few cases of preventable diseases having occurred.

Of the 530 patients resident at the time of inspection, we found only six sick in bed, all with chronic diseases.

#### Sanitation and Hygiene.

Every part of the institution, including the outside surrounding premises, the various yards, cellars, basements and all building apartments, are without exception, in a perfect sanitary and hygienic condition, which is largely contributed to by a complete system of sewerage, cold and hot baths, and pure water for all general and special uses.

#### The Yards.

Each department has large shady yards, comfortably seated, with summer houses and fountains, about which the patients sit and roam in a manner strikingly indicative of contentment, comfort and peace.

#### Bed-rooms and Bedding.

The bed-rooms have sufficient floor and air space for comfort and health, and are kept perfectly clean and free from odious atmospheric conditions, without the use of disinfectants of any kind, and the bedding, which consists of one mattress, two sheets, one comfort, a white or bright-colored spread, and pillow to each bed, is kept clean, tidy and comfortable.

#### Commissary and Clothing Departments.

These departments are stocked with a large variety of the best grades of food supplies, which are kept systematically arranged in the ware-rooms. The clothing department has in stock such a variety of piece goods, shoes, hats, notions, etc., as are necessary for all demands upon that department. Supplies from the commissary are issued daily by the commissary in charge, who keeps a complete record of each article issued. Clothing and supplies are issued by the commissary upon requisitions addressed in writing to the superintendent and signed by the respective supervisors. Blank requisition books, ruled and headed, so as to show the cause why the new articles are required, and the wards on which they are needed, are used in making all requisitions, and the supervisors are required to file in the superintendent's office

at the end of each month their requisition books, with receipts, from the respective attendants, for each article during the month.

#### Rules, Regulations and Discipline.

The rules and regulations defining the duties of employees are strictly observed. The patients are cared for in a most respectful and tender manner. Every reasonable want is promptly supplied, and as much consideration is shown them as if they were of the more fortunate class, enjoying the freedom and pleasures common to the ordinary associations of life, and in turn for such kind treatment, the inmates, as a rule, are obedient themselves, to the regulations, and seem devoted to the officers and employees.

By uniform kindness in their care and management, the patients are kept perfectly disciplined and under such control as would be a credit to any number of sane people, congregated as they are.

#### Health.

The health of the inmates is exceptionally good. All insane people are considered, on account of unfavorable pathological conditions and changes, to be sick people, and are more susceptible to malarial and zymotic diseases than sane people; yet owing to the perfect sanitary and hygienic conditions maintained at the Asylum, there is considerable less sickness of this nature among the patients than may be found among the sane number in any community of the country.

#### Employment, Recreation and Amusements.

The greatest possible number of patients are moderately employed daily. Large details, in charge of attendants are kept busy during the cool parts of the day, at various kinds of work, such as is beneficial to their health, and a greater or less source of revenue to the institution. Large crowds are also taken out walking afternoons, as a means of healthful recreation and diversion.

As an additional means of diversion and amusement, the patients are given dances, concerts, minstrel exhibitions, fabelaux, operettas, etc., in the large and elegantly arranged Assembly Hall of the Asylum, which has a seating capacity of more than the total population.

The superintendent, at his personal expense, supplied eleven instruments and has organized a cornet band, consisting of members of his family and employees. This band almost every evening plays a large number of delightful airs,

greatly to the pleasure and substantial benefit of the inmates. Musical concerts are also given in the Assembly Hall by Mrs. Blocker and Mrs. Trammell as pianists, and other members of the superintendent's family, assisted by employees, with violins, guitars, mandolins, etc.

#### Clothing, Diet, Etc.

The inmates are furnished with neat, comfortable clothing and look neat and tidy. Attendants are required to carry whisk brushes, and without exception to keep all soil off the patients' clothing; blacking and brushes are furnished, and the attendants have all patients, except demented, or the more helpless class, to keep their shoes nicely polished. The exceptions in this, as in all other respects, are waited on by the attendants.

The diet consists of a variety of wholesome food, such as bakers' bread, grits, rice, corn bread, rolled oats, salt and sweet meats, canned oysters, canned peaches, coffee, tea, crackers, dried apples, and every variety of vegetables.

#### Kitchen Department.

This department is supplied with the most modern steam cooking apparatus, sufficient for 1,500 inmates, and the general and special diets are prepared in a manner that would satisfy the guests of almost any hotel in the country. The physician has immediate supervision of the dietetic regime for all individuals and hospital patients, for whom special cooks, dining halls, etc., are provided.

#### Medical and Drug Department.

This department is in charge of Dr. L. D. Blocker, who is very attentive and efficient in his professional care and treatment of the inmates. The drug store is stocked with a good assortment of medicines, which is kept fresh by a constant renewal, purchased at short intervals. The room is neatly kept and conveniently arranged. In the physician's office adjoining are kept complete records of his cases, which gives a detailed account of the patients who come under his care. Hospitals are established in each department for each sex and color, and well ventilated, heated by steam and lighted by electricity and furnished with all adequate conveniences. These hospitals are in the care of good, kind, sympathetic and intelligent nurses, who see that all methods appointed for the treatment of the complex, and many times obscure diseases are administered with regularity and exactness. An operating room is lo-

cated easily accessible to the different departments, and is supplied with antiseptic instruments, furniture, etc.

#### Lighting System.

The asylum is lighted by electricity, the immediate outside grounds, all the yards and buildings are beautifully lighted at an expense very little, if at all in excess of oil lamps, and the danger of fire is nothing to that compared with the use of oil lighting. The machinery and electrical appliances and apparatus employed in the system are all of superior grade, and are a credit alike to the superintendent and the contractors who installed the plant.

#### Heating System.

The asylum is heated by steam from a central station, and during cold weather all the buildings are kept at a comfortable temperature. The boilers from which the buildings are heated also supply steam for the cooking plant.

#### The Dairy Department.

This department has forty-three Jersey cows and two males. The average yield of the dairy is 1,800 gallons of milk, 600 pounds of butter and 20 tons of fertilizer per month, worth about \$650. The expense of operating this plant is approximately \$140 per month, or \$150 less than the value of the products.

#### The Farm.

The farm consists of approximately 200 acres, about 150 of which is planted in corn, 50 in oats, and 20 in vegetables. The corn and vegetable crops look well, but the oat crop is greatly damaged by the recent protracted drought. The pig farm consists of about 160 Jersey pigs. The yield of the farm in 1897 and 1898 is given in the superintendent's biennial report. Since January 1st, 1899, 6,309 pounds of pork has been derived. The yield the last four months has been reduced by cholera during March and April.

#### The Laundry Department.

This department is in need of machinery for washing the clothing for the institution. The inmates have increased numerically until the furnace kettle and vat plan, with miles of wire for drying clothes and clothing in the sun is not sufficient. Thousands of garments are to be washed weekly, and with the present facilities, entail great hardships, besides,

during rainy weather, it is impossible to dry the week's washing.

#### Repairs.

Your committee found the buildings, fencing, etc., in excellent repair.

#### Improvements.

In addition to the electric lighting and dairy plants, the waterworks has been enlarged by putting in larger mains, and extending the system, also by the construction of a 12 by 50 feet steel stand pipe, on the 65-foot tower of the armory building, and the putting in at a large bluff spring near the asylum, an emergency plant, which, when the main pumps of the system are disabled, by high or low water in the creek, is amply capable of keeping the institution supplied with pure water for all general and special uses.

During the two years, other additions and improvements, such as the purchase of the Foreman homestead, and the construction of several neat, comfortable cottages for the occupancy of white employees having families, have been made, together with other minor improvements too numerous to mention.

#### Superintendent's Record.

A complete and excellent system of records is kept in the superintendent's office. The system consists of fourteen records, besides the register of patients. A complete account is kept of all supplies received and issued, and the system enables a complete daily check on every article in use in the institution. These records are neatly and accurately kept, and deserve the commendation of your committee.

#### Present Requirements.

Your committee made diligent enquiry as to the present requirements of the asylum, and examined into the physical conditions, etc., to which the recommendations contained in the superintendent's bi-ennial report relate, and respectfully report that the improvements suggested by him are necessary, and should be provided for.

#### General Remarks.

Your committee made a thorough investigation of all details concerning the management of the asylum for the past thirty months. We found that no feature, as referred to in the superintendent's report for 1897 and 1898, a copy of which has been furnished each member of the Legislature,

was overdrawn. The report contains a plain undistorted statement of facts, which themselves, reviewed from a financial, moral and humanitarian standpoint, are proofs of the superiority of the management.

We learn from the superintendent of the institution, that the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, consisting of the Governor and administrative officers, have, during the entire period of his incumbency of six years, manifested great interest for the best good of the asylum, and have been of great aid in accomplishing the good results attained.

Your committee refers with pride to the able management of this institution, which is directly under the superintendency of J. W. Trammell, and congratulate the State of Florida upon being so fortunate as to have secured the services of a man who by nature, disposition, character and competency, is so well qualified to fill this most important position.

Your committee also deem it their duty to refer to the services of Dr. L. D. Blocker, the able physician of this institution, who is not only loved by all of the patients of the institution, but by the community at large, and it is the desire of your committee to give utterance of their endorsement of these most efficient officers.

Very respectfully,

J. E. ROBERTS,

On the part of the Senate.

J. F. C. GRIGGS,

Chairman.

M. A. PARRISH,

On the part of the House.

Committee.

Which was ordered spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Roberts, Chairman of the Special Committee to Visit and Inspect the State Reformatory, submitted the following report:

The Legislature of the State of Florida—Session of 1899.

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Special Committee appointed under House Concurrent Resolution No. 14 to visit and inspect the State Reformatory, have the honor to submit the following report:

Your committee, upon a thorough investigation of this institution, which is located about three miles from Marianna, find that two buildings, duplicates of each other, are under construction; one of which is now very nearly completed, and the other being worked upon as rapidly as practicable by the contractors of said work. In fact both buildings might be said to have reached almost their completion on their outer parts. We feel safe in estimating upon the time of completion as about July 1st of the present year.

These buildings are constructed of brick, and we find that great care has been observed in getting the foundation for same, which goes several feet into the ground of clay, and there started from a five-brick spread, with a 22-inch wall to the ground floor, a 17-inch wall from same to second floor, and a 13-inch wall from second to third floor. You will therefore observe that the judgment of requiring these heavy walls was good, and will be of great benefit to the State, should it ever become necessary to enlarge the buildings by adding another story to the same.

The plans of the buildings are very appropriate for the purposes for which they were built, there being a wing on each end of the buildings, 45 feet long and 18 feet wide. Besides the offices, dining room and kitchen, we find there will be sleeping room for about 64 inmates to each building, in which room prescribed, there is provided for in the dormitories, which are situated in the center of the buildings upstairs, separate from the wings, the room for small children of about 20 in number. On the third floor there will be five cells for the purpose of the detention of the incorrigibles.

Your committee was impressed with the neatness and substantiability with which this work has been done, and found the buildings of commanding appearance, the grounds around which can be made most beautiful and attractive, with splendid fences built to guard against the escape of the inmates who may be confined therein. It is also the opinion of your committee that the contract for these buildings displayed that judgment which characterizes the work of our most successful business men, as we understand the appropriation made for these buildings was only \$10,000.

Your committee deem it their duty that they should recommend an additional appropriation of \$5,000, being \$2,500 for each institution, for the purpose of erecting the necessary outhouses, water works, and also the purchase of necessary farming implements, stock, the building of barns, etc., and the fencing of the farming lands. We also recom-

mend that what lands that were donated, in excess of the necessities of the institution, be sold, and the proceeds of the same be paid into the State Treasury. We believe these institutions should be made to sustain themselves as nearly as possible and suggest the cultivation of these farms the means of so doing. We believe that with the lands contributed by Jackson County, and the possible care of a good many strong, able-bodied juveniles, which will necessitate superintendents and guards, make it possible that these institutions may be placed upon a self-sustaining basis.

The buildings, as before stated, are duplicates of each other, and one half mile apart. They have been so constructed that the white and black inmates may be kept entirely separated. Both buildings are located on the top of hills, which gives to them that which nature has bestowed without cost—a fine drainage system.

Very respectfully,

J. E. ROBERTS,

On the part of the Senate.

J. F. C. GRIGGS,

Chairman.

M. A. PARRISH,

On the part of the House.  
Committee.

Which was ordered spread on the Journal.

Mr. Roberts, Chairman of the Special Committee to visit the State Normal School at DeFuniak, submitted the following report:

The Legislature of the State of Florida—Session of 1899.

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate.

Sir—Your Special Committee appointed under House Concurrent Resolution No. 17, to visit the State Normal School at DeFuniak,

Beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee visited the State Normal School at DeFuniak and find this institution being conducted upon a high plane of educational progress. The enrollment for the year is ninety students, which the register shows represent

the following counties: Bradford, Putnam, Clay, Walton, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Hillsboro, Brevard, Orange, Marion, Jackson, Jefferson, Franklin, Holmes, Escambia, Leon, Washington and Gadsden. Total, eighteen counties.

The ages of these students range from 16 to 34 years of age, the average being twenty years and one month; 56 per cent. now hold teachers' certificates, and their average experience as teachers amount to more than ten months each.

The requirements for admission are as follows: The applicant shall either be the holder of a teacher's certificate, or pass the examination equal to that required for a third grade, and be 16 years of age. None are admitted who do not pursue the full professional course.

The sanitary conditions are carefully guarded. The business methods of the principal were examined, and were found complete. Records of all the transactions involving the expenditure of the State's moneys have been kept, and all necessary vouchers filed. The faculty deserve credit for its efforts to advertise the school more thoroughly, since it is circulating annually, without expense to the State, and with prospects of pecuniary profit to the school, twenty-four thousand copies of the State Normal Messenger.

Several subjects have been added to the curriculum, making it now fully sufficient to qualify graduates for State certificates, the most important additional branches being those which relate to theory and history.

Your committee find that both of the principal buildings are badly in need of paint, and loss will result to the State if this necessary improvement is neglected. We also find that a new fence around the young men's dormitory, and other repairs are imperative. Therefore, for these purposes, and to provide such appliances as are essential, the State should increase its appropriation, and we recommend the sum of seven thousand dollars annually, for the next two years, for the purpose of meeting these and other expenses, which include the teachers' salaries, laboratory expenses, etc.

Very respectfully,

J. E. ROBERTS,

On the Part of the Senate.

J. F. C. GRIGGS,

Chairman.

M. A. PARRISH,

On the Part of the House.

Which was ordered spread on the Journal.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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 24th, A. D. 1893,

Also,

An act to enlarge the corporate powers of the city of St. Augustine in the State of Florida,

Also,

An act to amend Sections 2, 40 and 41, of an act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Madison, Florida, and to provide a town government therefor, being Chapter 4313, approved June 2nd, 1893, to abolish the office of Trustee of Waterworks bonds, and to grant additional powers to said municipality,

Also,

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, approved May 24th, A. D., 1893,

Also,

An act for the relief of John R. Scott, ex-Treasurer of Sumter County, Florida, and for the relief of his bondsmen.

Also,

An act to amend the city charter of the city of Tampa.

Beg leave to report 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 signature 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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Also,

An act to amend the city charter of the city of Tampa.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

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.

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Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

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Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to abolish the municipality of the town of Altoona, in Lake County, Florida;

Also,

Joint Resolution No. 44, proposing an amendment to Sec-

tion 5, Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to provide for keeping all public roads and streets in the limits of cities and towns having less than three thousand inhabitants in good repair.

Also,

An act to amend Sections 26, 61 and 62 of the Laws of Florida, Chapter 4328, entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and provide for general and special elections and for the returns of elections.

Beg 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.

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

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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 signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

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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. McLin, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 254:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide that common carriers shall designate and provide with certificate of authority agents authorized to sell tickets, and to prohibit all others from selling tickets or evidences of transportation; to provide for the redemption of the whole or any unused part of a ticket or evidence of transportation, and prohibit the forging or counterfeiting, or the aiding in forging or counterfeiting or altering of any genuine ticket or other evidence of transportation; and to provide punishment for the violation of any of the sections herein contained.

Have examined the same and find it to be correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 254, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

By permission—

Mr. Hendley introduced the following Senate Concurrent Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a joint committee—two members from the House and one from the Senate—be appointed, the duty of which committee shall be to examine and make a thorough investigation of W. N. Camp's convict camp, located at Elliston, Fla., referred to in the Legislative Committee report, and report the same to the Legislature as soon as possible, the expenses of the committee to be paid by the said W. N. Camp, the investigation being at his request.

Which was laid over under the rules.

Accompanying the resolution were a number of affidavits. Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the documents accompanying the resolution be spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Broome moved that the Secretary be instructed to read that portion of the report of the committee who investigated the condition of the convict camp that refers to the Ellison camp, and then read the statement of W. N. Camp and others regarding said camp.

Which was agreed to.

And the documents called for were read.

Mr. Carson moved that further consideration of this matter be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Harris moved to lay the motion of Mr. Palmer of 11th (to print certain documents in the Journal) on the table.

Which was agreed to.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. McCreary's motion to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 316 failed to pass.

Was taken up.

Mr. Cril' requested that the motion be laid over till to-morrow.

Which was granted.

Mr. Fuller's motion to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 404 failed to pass.

Was taken up.

Mr. Fuller moved to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 404 failed to pass yesterday.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baker's motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed Senate Bill No. 255.

Was taken up.

Mr. Baker requested that his motion to reconsider be temporarily laid aside.

Which was granted.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

House Joint Resolution No. 22:

Authorizing the destruction, by burning, of engraved Comptrollers' warrants known as greenback scrip, now held by the State Treasurer.

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived and that House Joint Resolution No. 22 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

And House Joint Resolution No. 22 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be further waived and that House Joint Resolution No. 22 be read a third time and put upon its passage,

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Joint Resolution No. 22 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of House Joint Resolution No. 22,

The vote was:

Yeas—

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| Mr. President, | Crosby,    | Palmer of 11th, |
| Messrs. Baker, | Dimick,    | Roberts,        |
| Barber,        | Fuller,    | Rogers,         |
| Blitch,        | Harris,    | Sams,           |
| Broome,        | McCaskill, | Wadsworth,      |
| Bynum,         | McLin,     | Wilson—20.      |
| Carson,        | O'Brien,   |                 |

Nays—None.

So House Joint Resolution No. 22 passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 339:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate funds for a Seminole Industrial School, providing for its management, and appointing financial trustees,

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 339 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 339 be read a second time by its title.

And House Bill No. 339 was passed to the Calendar of Bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 239:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 239 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 239 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 239 be placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Senate Bill No. 219:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of D. W. Brown.  
Was taken up.

Mr. Bynum moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 219 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 219 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Bynum moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 219 be placed on Calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

House Bill No. 219:

To be entitled an act for the relief of J. J. Powers of Columbia County, Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that House Bill No. 219 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

House Bill No. 219 was read a second time by its title only.

And

House Bill No. 219 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 262:

A bill to be entitled an act for the inspection of fresh meats shipped into the State of Florida for sale.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 262 be placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 29 be recalled from the Judiciary Committee.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Crill introduced—

Senate Bill No. 263:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the manufacture and sale of food products.

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

By Permission —

Mr. McCreary introduced—

Senate Bill No. 264:

A bill to be entitled an act declaring the town of LaCrosse, in the County of Alachua, to be a legally incorporated town.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 264 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 264 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 264 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 264 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—

|                |            |                 |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Mr. President, | Crill,     | McLin,          |
| Messrs.—       | Crosby,    | O'Brien,        |
| Baker,         | Fuller,    | Palmer of 11th, |
| Blitch,        | Harris,    | Reeves,         |
| Broome,        | Hooker,    | Sams,           |
| Carson,        | McCaskill, | Wilson—19.      |
| Clark,         | McCreary,  |                 |

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

By permission—

Mr. McLin introduced the following Senate Concurrent Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24:

Whereas, by Chapter 4522, Laws of Florida, the same being "an act to fix the pay of members, officers, and attaches of the regular session of the Legislature of 1897," the per diem of the Messengers of the Senate and House of Representatives was fixed at six dollars per diem, and

Whereas, on account of the fact that said bill passed the Senate with the pay of Messengers of the Senate and House of Representatives fixed at five dollars per diem, and on reaching the House of Representatives was so amended as to fix the pay of said Messengers at six dollars per diem, which amendment was afterward concurred in by the Senate, and the said bill passed as amended, and

Whereas, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, during the pendency of the said bill, and under a misapprehension as to the amount, made out in his pay-roll the per diem of the Messenger of the Senate at five dollars instead of six dollars as allowed by the said act, by reason of which the said Messenger of the Senate actually received only five dollars per diem, while, the Messenger of the House of Representatives received six dollars per diem as allowed by said act all of which will more fully appear by reference to the pay-rolls of the Legislature for the year 1897 and the receipts of the payees thereon, now on file in the office of the Comptroller, and

Whereas, there is now a balance of sixty dollars now due the said Messenger of the Senate for the year 1897, by reason of the said oversight, which amount was, and now is, to the credit of the fund for the pay of the members, officers and attaches of the said session of 1897, and

Whereas, the Comptroller is willing to issue his warrant for the said balance of sixty dollars, due as aforesaid, but is without a voucher for that purpose,

Therefore, Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring,

That, the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue his warrant for the said sixty dollars payable to the said Messenger of the Senate for the year 1897.

Mr. McLin moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24 be read a second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24 was read a second time.

Mr. McLin moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—

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.

Also,

House Bill No. 385:

To be entitled an act to legalize the notarial acts of notaries public performed by them, after the expiration of their old commission and previous to the date of their new commission

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

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bills Nos. 279 and 385, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 282:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 213 of the Revised Statutes relating to the issuance of official commissions.

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 House Bill No. 282, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

#### BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 207:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 831 and 832, Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to dentists.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

|             |            |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Mrs. Baker, | Denham,    | Myers,     |
| Blitch,     | Fuller,    | O'Brien,   |
| Broome,     | Harris,    | Sains,     |
| Carson,     | Hooker,    | Williams,  |
| Clark,      | McCaskill, | Wilson—19. |
| Crill,      | McCreary,  |            |
| Crosby,     | McLin,     |            |

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Denham moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate recur to bills on second reading.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Denham moved that the rules be waived, and that he be allowed to call up House Bill No. 198 out of its regular order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

House Bill No. 198:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 7 of an act entitled an act to make it unlawful for live stock to run at large in certain election districts of Leon County, and to provide for the impounding and sale of stock so running at large.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to House bill No. 198.

Strike out all after the word "third" in line 18. Section 1, and insert the following:

"And it shall be the duty of such County Commissioners to provide for and have erected and keep in repair upon such other portions of the boundaries of the territory mentioned in the first section of this act, as they shall deem necessary, a similar fence. And it shall be the duty of said County Commissioners to construct and maintain gates in such fences wherever they cross a public road, and at such other places as they may deem necessary for the convenience of the public."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Denham moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 198, as amended, be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 198 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

|               |           |                 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Yeas—         | Crosby,   | Myers,          |
| Mr President, | Denham,   | O'Brien,        |
| Messrs.—      | Dimick,   | Palmer of 11th, |
| Baker,        | Fuller,   | Reeves,         |
| Blitch,       | Harris,   | Rogers,         |
| Broome,       | Hooker,   | Sams,           |
| Carson,       | McCreary, | Wilson—23.      |
| Clark,        | McCaskill |                 |
| Crill,        | McLin,    |                 |

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

The Senate recurred to bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 29:

To be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4564, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to protect and encourage the artificial growth of sponges within the waters of the State of Florida, and conceding certain riparian rights of those engaged therein, and to prescribe a license in certain cases.

Was taken up and read a third time in full, together with the Senate amendments thereto.

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

The vote was:

|                |            |                 |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Mr. President, | Crill,     | McLin,          |
| Messrs.—       | Crosby,    | O'Brien,        |
| Baker,         | Denham,    | Palmer of 11th, |
| Blitch,        | Fuller,    | Sams,           |
| Broome,        | Harris,    | Williams,       |
| Carson,        | Hooker,    | Wilson—20.      |
| Clark,         | McCaskill, |                 |

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

Mr. O'Brien moved that further consideration of Senate Bill No. 186 be postponed until to-morrow (Saturday) at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Barber moved that the rules be waived, and the Senate recur to bills on second reading.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Barber moved that rules be waived and that he be allowed to call up Senate Bill No. 220 out of its regular order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 220:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. J. Pons.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Barber offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 220:

Strike out the words and figures in Section 1 "six hundred and eighty-five (\$685.81) dollars and eighty-one," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "two hundred and twenty (\$220.64) dollars and sixty-four."

Mr. Barber moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved to indefinitely postpone Senate Bill No. 220.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th withdrew the motion to indefinitely postpone.

And Senate Bill No. 220, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled an act to grant the water front of the City of Pensacola.

Beg leave to return the same as requested by the Senate.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Reeves moved that Senate Bill No. 29 contained in the above report be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Reeves introduced for the committee—

Senate Bill No. 265:

A bill to be entitled an act to grant the water front to the City of Pensacola.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 265 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 265 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Reeves moved that Senate Bill No. 265 be made a special order for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker introduced—

Senate Bill No. 266:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4474, of the Laws of Florida, as amended by Section 2, of Chapter 4620, of the Laws of Florida, and to amend Section 2, of Chapter 4474 of the Laws of Florida, incorporating and granting certain powers, rights, privileges and land grants to the Atlantic and Gulf Railway Company, and to continue the same in force and extend the time of commencement of work on said railway.

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

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

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 25, 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. 286:

To be entitled an act to provide annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors, and the wives of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 286, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 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. 50:

To be entitled an act to regulate the shooting of ducks in the State of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 50, 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 26, 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. 358:

To be entitled an act to prohibit unauthorized persons from entering upon any railway train or locomotive while the same is in motion, and to provide a penalty therefor.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 358, 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 26, 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 amendments to—

House Bill No. 274:

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

And respectfully requests the Senate to recede therefrom.

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

Mr. Carson moved that the Senate insist on its amendments to House Bill No. 274, and request a committee of conference thereon.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed as such Conference Committee on the part of the Senate Messrs. Carson, Palmer of the 11th and McCreary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 25, 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. 95:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate contracts of insurance of buildings and structures in this State, to fix a measure of damages in case of loss and to prescribe a rule of evidence therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 95, 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 26, 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. 96:

A bill to be entitled an act to give the city of Pensacola certain rock ballast at the Pensacola Quarantine Station.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 96, 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 26, 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. 212:

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

With the following amendment thereto:

In Section 5, line 3, after the word "lading," add: "On through coastwise shipments not sold or offered for sale."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

Mr. Williams moved that the Senate concur in House amendment to Senate Bill No. 212:

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 212, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

#### SPECIAL ORDER

Senate Joint Resolution No. 151:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the election of Circuit Judges in this State.

Set for 11 a. m., having been temporarily laid aside, was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that further consideration of Senate Joint Resolution No. 151 be deferred to 4.30 o'clock this afternoon.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 200:

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

Was taken up having been temporarily laid aside.

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 200 be made a continuing special order until Mr. Palmer of 14th returns.

Which was agreed to.

The Senate resumed consideration of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 296:

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.

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—          | Crosby;         | Roberts,   |
| Mr. President, | Denham,         | Rogers,    |
| Messrs—        | Fuller,         | Sams,      |
| Baker,         | Harris,         | Wadsworth, |
| Blicht,        | McCaskill,      | Williams,  |
| Broome,        | McLin,          | Wilson—20. |
| Carson,        | Palmer of 11th, |            |
| Clark,         | Reeves,         |            |

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 189:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Broome moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 189.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 304:

To be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Cocoa.

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,  | McCaskill,      |
| Mr. President, | Crosby, | McLin,          |
| Messrs—        | Denham, | Palmer of 11th, |
| Baker,         | Dimick, | Roberts,        |
| Barber,        | Fuller, | Sams,           |
| Blicht,        | Harris, | Wadsworth,      |
| Carson,        | Hooker, | Wilson—19.      |

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 333:

To be entitled an act empowering the County Commissioners of Hernando County to contract for road work in the several districts

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,   | McCaskill  |
| Mr. President, | Crosby,  | Reeves,    |
| Messrs. Baker, | Denham,  | Roberts,   |
| Barber,        | Fuller,  | Wadsworth, |
| Blich,         | Harris,  | Wilson—18. |
| Broome,        | Hendley, |            |
| Carson,        | Hooker,  |            |

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

By permission—

Mr. Harris, Chairman of the Committee on Public Health,  
submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Public Health to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 263:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the manufacture  
and sale of food products.

Have considered the same and recommend that the bill do  
pass.

Very respectfully,  
W. HUNT HARRIS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 263, contained in the above report,  
was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

## Senate Bill No. 257:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable owners of swamp, low, or overflowed lands, to drain or reclaim the same.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and submit herewith the following amendments:

At the end of Section 3 add the following: "whenever the survey for any ditch or canal is made through or over any land and objection is made by the owner or owners of such land, the Board of County Commissioners may, when such drain is useless or a damage to such land, proceed to condemn the right of way for such canal or ditch according to the method provided in Section 1544 to Section 1564 inclusive of the Revised Statutes of Florida."

In Section 6, line 7, between the words "and" and "the," insert the words, "keeping the same in repair from year to year and."

And with said amendments recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

D. H. BAKER,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 257, contained in the above report, together with the committee amendments, 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 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

## Senate Bill No. 266:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4474, of the Laws of Florida, as amended by Section 2, of Chapter 4620, of the Laws of Florida, and to amend Section 2, of Chapter 4474 of the Laws of Florida, incorporating and granting certain powers, rights, privileges and land grants to the Atlantic and Gulf Railway Company, and to continue the same in force and extend the time of commencement of work on said railway.

Beg leave to report that it has been carefully considered and recommend that the same be passed.

Very respectfully,

JAS. E. BROOME,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 266, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Hooker moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 266 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 266:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4474, of the Laws of Florida, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 4620 of the Laws of Florida, and to amend Section 2 of Chapter 4474 of the Laws of Florida, incorporating and granting certain powers, rights, privileges and land grants to the Atlantic and Gulf Coast Railway Company, and to continue the same in force, and extend the time of commencement of work on said railway.

Was taken up.

Mr. Hooker moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 266 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 266 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Hooker moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 266 be read a third time and put upon its passage, which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 266 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,  | McLin,       |
| Messrs —       | Clark,   | Reeves,      |
| Baker,         | Denham,  | Roberts,     |
| Barber,        | Fuller,  | Sams,        |
| Bitch,         | Hendley, | Wadsworth    |
| Bynum,         | Hooker,  | Williams—17. |

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Carson moved that the House of Representatives be requested to return House Bill No. 127 to the Senate for correction.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th called up—

## House Bill No. 249:

To be entitled an act to provide for the opening, grading curbing and otherwise improving streets, parks, sidewalks and other public places in the City of Tampa; the repair and maintenance thereof, and for assessments against the abutting property for improvements, including such as may have been completed or may now be in progress of construction, and the enforcement and collection thereof.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 249.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller called up—

Senate Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix a penalty for willful and malicious injuries to dams.

Mr. Fuller moved to indefinitely postpone Senate Bill No. 52.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate Bill No. 118.

Which went over under the rules.

Mr. Bynum moved that Senate Bill No. 149 be taken up together with the House amendments.

Which was agreed to.

And,

Senate Bill No. 149:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend and revise an act entitled "An act to provide for the regulation of railroad schedules, freights, express, sleeping car and passenger tariffs, and building of freight and passenger depots in this State; to prevent unjust discrimination in the rates charged for the transportation of passengers and freight, and to prohibit railroad companies, corporations, persons and all common carriers in this State from charging other than just and reasonable rates, and to enforce the same and to prescribe a mode of procedure and rules of evidence in relation thereto, and to provide for the appointment and election of commissioners and to prescribe their duties and powers.

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved to indefinitely postpone Senate Bill No. 149, with House amendments.

The President ruled the motion out of order.

Pending further consideration of House Bill No. 149, with amendments—

Mr. Bynum moved that the Senate adjourn until 4 o'clock P. M.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

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

Answering roll-call—30.

A quorum present.

The Journal of Wednesday was taken up.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of Wednesday was corrected and approved.

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Pending an adjournment was again placed before the Senate.

Mr. Carson moved that Senate Bill No. 149, with House amendments, lay on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to:

Senate Bill No. 118:

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

Together with the amendments of the House of Representatives thereto, was taken up.

Mr. Wilson moved to concur to House amendments to Senate Bill No. 118.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 118, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to abolish the municipality of the town of Altoona, in Lake County, Florida.

Also,

Joint Resolution No. 44:

Proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to provide for keeping all public roads and streets in the limits of cities and towns having less than three thousand inhabitants in good repair.

Also,

An act to amend Sections 26, 61 and 62 of the Laws of Florida, Chapter 4328, entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections.

Be it reported the same have received the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and are presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,  
Chairman of Committee.

## ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

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Also,

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An act to amend Sections 26, 61 and 62 of the Laws of Florida, Chapter 4328, entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections.

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.

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registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections.

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

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,  
Chairman of Committee.

The following communication from the Governor was read:

State of Florida, Executive Department,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate.

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

An act to amend Sections 2, 40 and 41 of an act entitled an act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Madison, Florida, and to provide a town government therefor, being Chapter 4313 approved June 2, 1893, to abolish the office of trustees of waterworks bonds, and to grant additional powers to said municipality.

Also,

An act to enlarge the corporate powers of the city of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Camp Phosphate Company.

Also,

An act to amend Section 3, Chapter 4403, Laws of Florida, approved May 27, 1895, entitled an act to provide the method of procedure for the forfeiture and collection of bail bonds, given for the appearance of persons charged with criminal offences before the courts of the State when the conditions of such bonds are broken.

Also,

An act for the relief of John R. Scott, ex-Treasurer of Sumter County, Florida, and for the relief of his bondsmen.

Also,

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 appoint-

ment of a prosecuting attorney for said County Court, approved May 24, 1893.

Very respectfully,  
W. D. BLOXHAM,  
Governor of Florida.

### BILLS ON THIRD READING.

House Bill No. 7:

To be entitled an act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within four miles distance of public or private school buildings and houses of worship, and to provide penalty therefor.

Was taken up and read a third time in full, together with Senate amendments.

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

The vote was:

|                |                 |            |
|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Yeas—          | Clark,          | McLin,     |
| Mr. President, | Crosby,         | Myers,     |
| Messrs. Baker, | Denham,         | O'Brien,   |
| Barber,        | Dimick,         | Reeves,    |
| Britch,        | Gaillard,       | Sams,      |
| Broome,        | Hendley,        | Williams,  |
| Bynum,         | Hooker,         | Wilson—23. |
| Carson,        | McCaskill,      |            |
| Nays---        |                 |            |
| Messrs—        | Palmer of 11th, | Rogers—2.  |

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 7 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and Senate Bill No. 7 was so certified.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

### SPECIAL ORDER.

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.

Was taken up at 4:10 P. M., for consideration, having previously been read a third time.

The bill was again read.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—

|                |          |                        |
|----------------|----------|------------------------|
| Mr. President, | Clark,   | Hooker,                |
| Messrs.—       | Crosby,  | McCaskill,             |
| Bynum,         | Dimick,  | McLin,                 |
| Carson,        | Hendley, | Palmer of the 11th—11. |

Nays—

|         |         |            |
|---------|---------|------------|
| Messrs— | Broome, | Sams,      |
| Baker,  | Crill,  | Williams,  |
| Blicht, | Denham, | Wilson—11. |
| Myers,  | Reeves, |            |
|         | Rogers, |            |

So the bill failed to pass.

Mr. Barber was excused from voting.

Mr. Dimick moved that the rules be waived and 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 26, 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. 257:

To be entitled an act to appropriate monies for the construction of certain buildings and for the making of other improvements for the uses of the Florida Asylum for the Indigent Insane.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate herein.

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

And House Bill No. 257, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the committee on Appropriations.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 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. Persons, of Columbia; Raney of Leon, and MacWilliams of St. Johns, a committee of conference on part of the House upon Senate amendments to House Bill No. 274.

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

The Senate resumed consideration of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 254:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide that common carriers shall designate and provide with certificates of authority agents authorized to sell tickets, and prohibit all others from selling tickets or evidences of transportation; to provide for the redemption of the whole or any unused part of a ticket or evidence of transportation, and prohibit the forging or counterfeiting or altering of any genuine ticket or other evidence of transportation, and to provide punishment for the violation of any of the sections herein contained.

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,    | Palmer of 11th, |
| Messrs.—     | Denham,   | Rogers,         |
| Barber,      | Fuller,   | Saus,           |
| Broome,      | Hooker,   | Williams—21.    |
| Bynum,       | McLin,    |                 |
| Carson,      | Myers,    |                 |
| Nays—Messrs— | Crosby,   | Reeves—7.       |
| Baker,       | Hendley,  |                 |
| Blitch,      | McCaskill |                 |

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Palmer moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed Senate Bill No. 254.

Which went over under the rules.

Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 151:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8, Article V, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the election of Circuit Judges in this State.

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer moved that Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 151 be made a special order for Tuesday morning next at 11 o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

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

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 26, 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 by request of the Senate, ordered the return of—

House Bill No. 127:

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

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 127, contained in the above message, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived, and the vote by which House Bill No. 127 passed yesterday be reconsidered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 127, as amended by the Senate, was again placed before the body.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived, and that the vote by which the Senate amendment to House Bill No. 127 was adopted be reconsidered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Carson withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Carson asked unanimous consent to amend House Bill No. 127 on third reading.

Which was granted.

Mr. Carson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 127:

Strike out the words "such person or persons shall be appointed inspector or inspectors of the respective cattle districts of said county" from Section 2 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "an inspector or inspectors be appointed for each cattle district to carry out the provisions of this act."

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to unanimously.

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

The vote was:

|                |           |                 |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Yeas—          | Crosby,   | McCreary,       |
| Mr. President, | Denham,   | McLin,          |
| Messers—       | Dimick,   | O'Brien,        |
| Baker,         | Fuller,   | Palmer of 11th, |
| Blicht,        | Gaillard, | Reeves,         |
| Bynum,         | Harris,   | Rogers,         |
| Carson,        | Hooker,   | Sams,           |
| Clark,         | McCaskill | Williams—22.    |

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, as amended.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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Also,

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official receipt for all moneys paid to the State Board of Health;

Also,

An act relating to the appointment, powers and duties of guardians of insane persons and lunatics;

Also,

An act in relation to conveyances and devises of real estate and to dispense with words of limitation in deeds,

Also,

An act to amend Section 2183, Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, regulation of banking business.

Also,

An act for the relief of taxpayers in the storm belt of the Counties of Alachua, Levy, Lafayette, Suwannee, Columbia, Baker, Bradford and Nassau.

Also,

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, lease and establish and maintain within its limits one or more plants for the manufacture and distribution of gas and electricity for furnishing light 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;

Also,

An act to license physicians not graduates, who have practiced medicine successfully for fifteen years or more in the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to amend Chapter 4470, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1895, amending the Act to incorporate the Peninsular and Oriental Express Company;

Also,

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4176, Laws of Florida, being an act to require persons running or operating log or timber carts on the public roads in this State, to keep the portion of such roads used by them in repair;

Also,

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 30, 1893;

Also,

An act to repeal an act, entitled "An act for the protection and preservation of certain plumed birds of this State, approved June 5th, 1891, being Chapter 4050, Laws of Florida.

Also,

An act to change the name of the Florida Asylum for Indigent Lunatics;

Also,

An act to prevent unauthorized persons interfering with any railroad train, cars or engines.

Be it reported that we 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.

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An act to prevent unauthorized persons interfering with any railroad train, cars or engines.

Beg leave 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

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and distribute gas and electricity, and to construct, purchase, lease and establish and maintain within its limits one or more plants for the manufacture and distribution of gas and electricity for furnishing light 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;

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Beg leave to report that the same have been signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are presented to the Senate for signature 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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An act to prevent unauthorized persons interfering with any railroad train, cars or engines.

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.

The following two acts contained in the report of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, having been indefinitely postponed in the Senate on May 23rd, and having been so certified by the Secretary of the Senate to the House of Representatives, and the original bills having the endorsement of the Secretary of the Senate to that effect thereon, the President refused his signature to the same:

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, being Chapter 4050, Laws of Florida.

Also,

An act in relation to conveyances and devises of real estate, and to dispense with words of limitation in deeds.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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Also,

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;

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

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Crill moved that the Secretary be instructed to write with red ink across the face, whenever any bill is lost, the words "lost on final passage," or "indefinitely postponed," as the case may be.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves moved that a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of investigating and ascertaining whether any bills have been enrolled and signed which did not pass both branches of this Legislature.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Reeves, Crill and Clark.

Mr. Fuller moved that the rules be waived and the Senate recur to bills on second reading.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Fuller moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 257 be taken up out of its regular order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 257:

Abill to be entitled an act to enable owners of swamp, low, or overflowing lands, to drain or reclaim the same.

Was taken up and read the third time in full, together with the amendments proposed by the Committee on Agriculture.

The following committee amendment was read:

In Section 6, line 7, between the words "and" and "the," insert the words, "keeping the same in repair from year to year and."

Mr. Fuller moved the adoption of the committee amendments.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

At the end of Section 3 add the following: "whenever the survey for any ditch or canal is made through or over any land, and objection is made by the owner or owners of such land, the Board of County Commissioners may, when such drains is useless, or a damage to such land, proceed to condemn the right of way for such canal or ditch according to

the method provided in Section 1544 to Section 1564 inclusive of the Revised Statutes of Florida.

Mr. Fuller moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 257, as amended, was ordered referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Blich called up—

Senate Bill No. 71:

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.

Mr. Blich asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 71.

Which was granted.

Mr. Carson called up—

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.

Mr. Carson moved to indefinitely postpone Senate Bill No. 210.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th called up—

Senate Bill No. 180:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1399, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the appointment and compensation of court stenographers.

With pending House amendments.

The following House amendment was read:

In the last line of page 1, strike out the word "grave."

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

Which was agreed to.

The following House amendment was read:

In line 5, page 2, between the words "cause" and "it," insert the words "and save expense."

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

Which was agreed to.

The following House amendment was read:

In line 1, page 3, strike out the words "State Treasurer," and insert in lieu thereof the words "County Commissioners

of the county in which such trial originated by their warrant on the fine and forfeiture fund of such county.”

Mr. Harris moved that the Senate non-concur in the House amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved that the House of Representatives be requested to recede from the above amendment to Senate-Bill No. 180.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bynum moved that Mr. Pfeifer be allowed to address the Senate.

Mr. Bynum withdrew the motion.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 112:

To be entitled an act to provide for the working of the public roads of the State and the working of convicts thereon.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and, with the amendments thereto—offered by this committee—recommend that said bill do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. H. T. BYNUM,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 112, contained in the above report, together with the committee amendment, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Sams moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Mr. Broome moved to adjourn to 9 A. M. to-morrow.

The motion of Mr. Sams was agreed to.

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

**CONFIRMATION.**

The following appointment and confirmation should have appeared in the Journal of May 19:

J. Fred Lohman to be harbor master in and for the port of Fernandina, Florida.