

and Taxation and the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations be empowered to employ the services of a clerk to serve the two committees jointly.

Which was read and referred to Special Committee on Clerical Aid.

Mr. Williams asked to be excused from attendance till the 15th.

And Mr. Williams was excused.

Mr. Law asked to be excused until Thursday next.

And Mr. Law was excused.

Mr. Kirk moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Monday.

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## MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1901.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Harris, Kirk, Miller, Myers, McCaskill McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of Friday was corrected and approved.

Mr. O'Brien asked that Mr. Wilson of the 4th District be excused from attendance.

And Mr. Wilson was excused.

Mr. Kirk asked that Mr. Rogers be excused from attendance.

And Mr. Rogers was excused.

## INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Butler introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 7:

Be it Resolved by the Senate:—

First, That there shall be a Standing Committee of five to

be appointed by the President, to be denominated "The Committee on Printing of Bills," to which shall be referred all bills memorials, orders and other matter for use of the Senate after same have been assigned to their special committees, unless otherwise directed by the Senate.

Second, That it shall be the duty of the "Committee on Printing of Bills" to meet immediately upon adjournment of each daily session of the Senate, and determine which measures, if any and how many copies shall be printed; and shall be authorized to order same without first reporting to the Senate.

Third, That this Committee shall not retain any measure longer than twenty-four hours; and shall report each day after the correction of the Journal, which measures, and how many copies, have been ordered printed.

Fourth, That the Bill Secretary of the Senate shall be the Clerk of the "Committee on Printing of Bills," without extra pay, and he shall, upon disposal of measures by this Committee, deliver same to the Standing Committee to which each has been respectively assigned.

Fifth, That Senate Rule "31" is hereby repealed.

Mr. Butler moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Harris introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 8:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be, and he is hereby instructed to have the Senate Chamber open until 9 p. m. every night until the close of the session.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Broome offered the following amendment:

Insert the words "except Sundays" at end of resolution.

Mr. Broome moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Butler offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Except on Sunday, when the Senate Chamber shall be opened until 6 p. m.

Mr. Butler moved the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurred on the adoption of the amendment of Mr. Broome.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the amendment be laid on the table.

Which was agreed to.

And the amendment, together with the resolution, was laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. McCreary (by request):

Senate Bill No. 56:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing a license tax for running hacks or other conveyances for the transportation of passengers.

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

By Mr. McCreary:

Senate Bill No. 57:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1482, of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to bills for divorce.

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

By Mr. Butler:

Senate Bill No. 58:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1469, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to injunction against trespass on timbered lands.

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

By Mr. Butler:

Senate Bill No. 59:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the passage of ordinances by incorporated cities and towns, and the promulgation of rules and regulations by the State Board of Health, to enforce and compel the vaccination and re-vaccination of citizens and residents of the State of Florida, and prescribing the duties of certain officers and persons to that end, and providing certain penalties for failure, refusal or neglect to comply with the provisions of the same.

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

By Mr. Sams:

Senate Bill No. 60:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the names of the Hillsboro River and Mosquito Lagoon to Indian River North.

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

By Mr. O'Brien :

Senate Bill No. 61 :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the assessment, levy and collection of revenue for the city of Pensacola.

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

By Mr. Rouse :

Senate Bill No. 62 :

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the price of illuminating gas to be charged by gas companies doing business in the cities and towns in the State of Florida of 3,000 and over population.

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

By Mr. Peacock :

Senate Bill No. 63 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 2696 and 2698, Article 7, of the Revised Statutes of Florida, in relation to offenses against common carriers.

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

By Mr. Peacock :

Senate Bill No. 64 :

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the carrying of pistols or revolvers in this State.

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

By Mr. Broome :

Senate Bill No. 65 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of an act entitled an act to provide annuities of disabled soldiers and sailors, and wives of disabled soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida, being Chapter 4670, Laws of Florida.

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

By Mr. MacWilliams :

Senate Bill No. 66 :

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the common law rule relating to the commission of the crime of rape by a boy under fourteen years, and providing for the determining of the capability of persons charged with the crime of rape.

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

By Mr. MacWilliams :

## Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4670, Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to provide annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors, and wives of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida," approved June 2, 1899.

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

By Mr. Wilson, of 7th:

## Senate Bill No. 68:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Tampa Bay and East Coast Railway Company, and to prescribe its powers and privileges.

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

By Mr. Harris:

## Senate Bill No. 69:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county of Monroe to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing sites for public schools and armory, erecting substantial buildings thereon, repairing the county Court House, and building a county road upon the Island of Key West.

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

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

House Concurrent Resolution, No. 4.

Relative to the appointment of a Joint Committee to report as to the management and condition of the State Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institution at St. Augustine, Fla.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, 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., April 5, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3:

For appointment of Joint Committee to visit East Florida Seminary and South Florida Military Institute.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, 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., April 5, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 10:

Relating to the appointment of Visiting Committees.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 10, 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., April 5, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

Proposing a Committee to visit the convict camps of this State.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, 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., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1:

Relative to an additional member of Congress from Florida.

And appointed Messrs. Fulton, of Hernando; Zewadski, of Marion; Broward, of Duval; Russell, of Monroe; Jones, of Escambia.

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

The President appointed the following Committee on the part of the Senate under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1: Messrs. Adams, Wilson of 7th, and McCaskill.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

Relating to the State Buildings, at Tallahassee, Florida, with amendments as follows:

Strike out the words "three and two," and substitute thereof the words "six and three."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Kirk moved that the Senate concur in House amendments to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Which was agreed to.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred in Senate amendments to House Concurrent Resolution relative to appointing a Joint Committee to which all measures and resolutions proposed for the relief of the Supreme and Circuit Courts of the State of Florida, and have appointed the following Committee on part of the House: Messrs. Palmer, Clarke, Wolfe, Koonce, Gornto and Raney.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Blich moved that the rules be waived and that the reports of committees be spread on the Journal without being read, and the bills contained in said reports be placed on the proper Calendar.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 44:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the mode of procedure in Courts of Justices of the Peace and County Judges.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 44, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 32:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish decrees of deficiency in suits of foreclosure of mortgages in this State.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 32, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*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 regulate the carrying of concealed weapons in the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 29, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 31:

A bill to be entitled an act to punish the vendee for the fraudulent purchase of goods, wares or merchandise from the vendor.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 31, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

## Senate Bill No. 30:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the purchase, sale and transfer of stocks of goods, wares and merchandise in bulk.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 30, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

## Senate Bill No. 43:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the carrying of arms secretly.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 43, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

## Senate Bill No. 39:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a law uniform with the laws of other States relative to divorce procedure and divorce from the bond of marriage.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 39, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 22:

A bill to be entitled an act to pay the expenses of Circuit Court Judges while in attendance upon their respective circuits.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 22, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 53:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a rule of evidence for the proof of book accounts.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 53, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1900.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1959 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the execution of deed by a married woman under age.

Beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same, and recommend the passage of the accompanying substitute therefor.

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 48, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 8:

A bill to be entitled an act to give the Prosecuting Attorney of the County Courts the right of process for witnesses, and to empower him to administer oaths.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend the passage of the accompanying substitute therefor.

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 8, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 19:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains by the several counties of the State of Florida, and to provide for assessments of the costs thereof against the property benefitted thereby, and further to provide for the collection and enforcement of such assessments, and to legalize all contracts for drains which heretofore may have been entered into, and assessments made therefor, made by the County Commissioners of any county in the State of Florida under Chapter 4807 of the Laws of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend its passage with the following amendment, to-wit.:

By adding to Section 7 on page 4 the following: Provided, That no lien shall lie or be enforced against any tract of land for more than the amount so assessed against said tract.

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 19, contained in the above report, together with the amendment, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Senate Bill No. 55:

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for fixing the amount of bail bonds in certain criminal cases by the Judges of the Criminal Court of Record of this State, and for the approval of said bonds by the several Sheriffs of this State.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered th

same, and recommend its passage with the following amendments, to-wit.:

By inserting in the second line of the title, between the word "the" and "Criminal" Circuit Courts, and after the word "record" County Courts; also by inserting in line 1 of Section 1 after the word "several" Circuit Courts; and also in line 2 of Section 1 after the word "record" and County Courts.

Very respectfully,  
C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 55, contained in the above report, together with the amendments, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2357 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to limitation of prosecutions.

Beq leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and the said bill is hereby returned without recommendation.

Very respectfully,  
C. C. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 18, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 26:

A bill to be entitled an act to make valid certain instruments, defectively acknowledged, and to make the record

of same notice to all persons, and to provide for acknowledging similar instruments in future by certain persons.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 26, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wadsworth, Chairman of the Committee on Militia, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 8, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Militia, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 17:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3, Chapter 4569, Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to establish a battalion of Naval Militia, to be known as the First Naval Battalion of the State of Florida," approved June 4th, 1897.

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

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 17, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 6, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4233, Laws of Florida, being an act to amend Sections 280 and 281, and to repeal Section 284 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the Florida Agricultural College.

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

Very respectfully,  
C. A. CARSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 50, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 44:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the mode of procedure in courts of Justices of the Peace and County Judges. Was taken up.

Mr. Carson moved that consideration of bills on second reading be deferred till to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Harris introduced the following memorial:

Executive Office, State Board of Health of Florida,  
Jacksonville, February 21, 1901.

Memorial to the Legislature of the State of Florida, asking for the passage of an act which shall provide by Direct Statute law for the compulsory vaccination and re-vaccination of citizens and residents of the State.

*To the Honorable President of the Senate:*

Whereas, The prevalence of smallpox throughout the United States and its continual importation into the State of Florida constantly threatening the public health of the State, in spite of the activity of the State Health Authorities in their attempt to enforce rules and regulations directed to its prevention and exclusion:

Be it Resolved, by the State Board of Health, now in session, That our Senators and Representatives in the Legislature soon to be assembled, be requested to emphasize to the people of the State of Florida the urgent necessity of the adoption of strict precautions for the prevention of the disease of small pox by the passage of an act for the compulsory vaccination of the citizens and residents of the State.

W. B. HENDERSON,  
President.

JOSEPH Y. PORTER, Secretary.

Which was read in full and ordered spread on the Journal.

By permission—

Mr. Harris introduced the following memorial:

Executive Office, State Board of Health of Florida,  
Jacksonville, February 21, 1901.

Memorial to the Legislature of the State of Florida praying for the passage of a Resolution or Memorial requesting Congress to restore the Tortugas group of islands to the Treasury Department for quarantine purposes of the government.

*To the Honorable President of the Senate:*

Whereas, The Tortugas group of islands have been used by the Treasury Department of the United States for many years for quarantine purposes, and are by their location peculiarly adapted to protect the health of the Gulf States, and particularly of Florida; and

Whereas, Congress has authorized the surrender of these islands to the Navy Department and has provided for the abandonment of the Quarantine Station located thereon and its removal to Mullet Key on Tampa Bay, which is already by license of the United States utilized as a State Quarantine Station, that amply protects the commerce of Tampa Bay, and

Whereas, The contemplated use of Mullet Key by the United States as a general Refuge Station for treatment of vessels with contagious and infectious diseases in connection with the proposed Quarantine Station, threatens the health of the people of Florida because of the nearness of Mullet Key, to the thickly settled localities on Tampa Bay, and to the military post on Mullet Key.

Be it Resolved, by the State Board of Health, now in session, That the Senators and Representatives of the State of Florida in Legislature, soon to be assembled, be earnestly requested, by Resolution or Memorial to Congress, to protest against the abandonment of the Tortugas group of islands by the Government, as a general refuge station, and the establishment of such refuge station on Mullet Key.

W. B. HENDERSON,  
President.

JOSEPH Y. PORTER, Secretary.

Which was read in full and ordered spread on the Journal.  
Mr. Kirk moved that the Senate now adjourn till 10 a. m. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned till 10 a. m. to-morrow.