

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate, an eminent bard tells us that "flowers are born to blush unseen, and waste their sweetness upon the desert air;" but when I throw my eyes upon those beautiful flowers, emblematic of love and admiration, and which so properly decorate his desk, I can no longer endorse the sentiment of the poet, for these flowers serve a holier purpose, and will ever keep alive the memory of the living and the gratitude of the dead.

Though I regard no mortal man perfect, I am sincere in declaring that Thomas P. Chaires approached the standard as near as any I ever knew. No blot ever bedimmed the purity of his integrity, or darkened the luster of his reputation, and though we can never more in this life gaze in admiration upon his manly bearing, his genial countenance, or share that sympathetic spirit which so freely flowed from his warm and generous heart, yet may we hope to meet him in glory, there to drink the melodious strains of angels, sweetly rendered in honor of the many virtues of Thomas P. Chaires.

The report of the Committee on the death of Hon. T. P. Chaires and the resolutions contained therein, was then adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Mr. Myers moved, as a further token of respect to the memory of the deceased, that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1901.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Upon call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

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

30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Harris introduced the following memorial:

Myers, Fla., May 2, 1901.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives, State of Florida:

We, W. J. Matthews, A. B. Beall and Geo. S. Henderson, members of the School Board of Lee county, State of Florida, respectfully petition your Honorable Body as follows:

1. That no bill be passed requiring uniformity of school books throughout the State.
2. That no State free school book bill be passed.
3. That the maximum school tax be raised to eight mills, and the levy to be put in the hands of the school boards.
4. That a State Grading Committee be appointed, and no teachers be employed by School Boards of the State without holding a certificate from said committee.

W. J. MATTHEWS,
GEO. S. HENDERSON
A. B. BEALL.

Mr. Harris moved that the memorial be spread on the Journal.

Which was agreed to.

The President presented the following invitation to the Senate:

State Normal and Industrial College,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 7, 1901.

To the Honorable, the President and Members of the Senate of the Legislature of Florida:

Gentlemen—You are hereby very respectfully invited by the President and Faculty of the Florida State Normal and Industrial College for Colored Students to be present at 2 p. m. on Thursday, May 9, to visit the institution and especially to witness experiments in scientific agriculture and dairying under the direction of the Professor of Agriculture.

The following program will be rendered:

Testing of Swedish System of separating Cream from milk.

Running of Sharples Tubular Separator.

Running Babcock Milk Tester.

Simple Methods for testing Commercial Fertilizers.

Test for ammonia and humus in home-made manure.

Examination of the latest style or Incubator and Brooder.
Concert to last an hour.

Very respectfully,
T. deS. TUCKER,
President.

Mr. Myers moved that he invitation be spread on the Journal.

Which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 237:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section twenty-four (24) of Article three (3) of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 238:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section eight (8) of Article eight (VIII), of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 239:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section twenty-seven (27), Article three (III), of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 240:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section twenty (20), Article three (III), of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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

By Mr. Baker:

Senate Bill No. 241:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a penalty for gambling in the State of Florida.

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

By Mr. Crill:

Senate Bill No. 242:

A bill to be entitled an act to confer further powers upon the municipal corporation of the city of Palatka.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 243:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the city of Key West to levy a special tax for the support of a free public library, and to authorize said city to enter into an obligation for the support thereof.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Law, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 207:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of W. M. Webb.

Have had the same under consideration, and herewith report a substitute therefor. We recommend the passage of the substitute.

Very respectfully,
C. FABIAN LAW,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 207, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Law, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 98:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing and requiring the Comptroller to duplicate certain Comptroller's warrants lost or destroyed before coming to the hands of payees thereof.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,
C. FABIAN LAW,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 98, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 206:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4032, Laws of Florida, the same being an act entitled an act in relation to obtaining money or any other personal property under false promises, or for violation of contracts, and providing penalties therefor, approved June 8, 1891.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 146:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1190 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to property subject to levy and sale under execution.

Have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,
B. F. KIRK,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 146 and 206, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Blich, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 217:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the sale of school

books in this State, and prescribing the manner in which they are to be sold.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 220:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish and maintain in county and State schools a uniform standard of higher instruction, to prescribe penalties and make appropriations incident thereto, and to prescribe for official designations for State Normal Schools and Colleges.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 179:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the certification of teachers, to prescribe requirements for the various grades of certificates, and to provide for the relief of aged teachers.

Have carefully examined the same, and find them to be correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 217, 220 and 179, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 8, 190..

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 149:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Fisheries, and to define his duties in the State of Florida.

Recommend it do pass, with the following amendments:

First, strike out all Section 4.

Second, in Section 6, strike out the words "one thousand," and all words after the word "annum," and insert in lieu of "one thousand" the words "five hundred."

Third, strike out all Section 7.

Very respectfully,

FRANK W. SAMs,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 149, contained in the above report, together with the amendments, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Blicht, Acting Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 192:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for issuing in manuscript form bonds of the State of Florida, payable to the educational funds of the State for the purpose of refunding bonds already issued at a lower rate of interest, and to provide for the disposition of the bonds and money now in the sinking funds of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,
N. A. BLITCH,
Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 193, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Blicht, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer;

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 196:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 3 and 4 of Chapter 4678 of the Laws of Florida, the same being entitled an act to provide for the division of counties into school districts, and for the election, bi-ennially, of three school trustees, and to prescribe their duties and powers, and for levying, collecting and disbursing district school taxes.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 194:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the municipality of Palatka to issue bonds and to provide for the payment thereof.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 196 and 194, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to extend the time for the building and completion of the South American and International Railroad.

Also,

An act to amend Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter 4774, Laws of Florida, being an act to provide for working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges in Levy county by contracts, and to provide penalties for failure thereof, approved April 27, 1899.

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.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 8, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to extend the time for the building and completion of the South American and International Railroad.

Also,

An act to amend Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter 4774, Laws of Florida, being an act to provide for working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges in Levy county by contracts, and to provide penalties for failure thereof. Approved April 27, 1899.

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. N. PEACOCK,

Chairman of Committee.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4147 of the Laws of the State of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the carrying of fire arms, approved June 2, 1893.

Also,

An act to authorize the Supreme Court of Florida to select Commissioners to assist the Court in the performance of its duties, and prescribing the duties of such Commissioners, and providing for their compensation.

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.

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

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4147 of the Laws of the State of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the carrying of fire arms, approved June 2, 1893.

Also,

An act to authorize the Supreme Court of Florida to select commissioners to assist the court in the performance of its duties, and prescribing the duties of such Commissioners, and providing for their compensation.

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. N. PEACOCK,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Law, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sor—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 102:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Mrs. L. P. Olin.

Beg to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it do pass as amended by the Committee as follows:

In Section 1, strike out the words and figures "thirty-five dollars and seventy cents (\$35.70)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures "twenty-nine dollars and ten cents (\$29.10)."

And in Section 2, strike out the words and figures "thirty-five dollars and seventy cents (\$35.70)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures "twenty-nine dollars and ten cents (\$29.10)."

And as amended we recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. FABIAN LAW,
Chairman of Committee.

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

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 163:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning fire insurance policies.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 163 was informally passed.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 96:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida, in relation to the Legislature.

Was taken up.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 96 was informally passed.

Senate Bill No. 200:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 29, 32, 35, 48 and 67 of Chapter 4322 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved June 1, 1895, as amended by Chapter 4515 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 5, 1897.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 200 be placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading without engrossing.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 200 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 119:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize cities or towns of over five hundred inhabitants to pass and enforce ordinances, to compel stationary steam engineers to pass an examination for licenses, and to take out licenses, affixing a penalty for failure thereof; to compel the inspection of steam boilers, except locomotives and marine boilers, and to compel employers to employ only licensed stationary engineers, affixing a penalty for failure thereof, and to compel employers, their managers or servants, to allow inspection of boilers, affixing a penalty for the failure thereof.

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

Mr. Mac Williams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 119:

Insert in title of the bill "five thousand" in lieu of "five hundred."

In Section 2, in line 2, strike out the words "the amount of."

In Section 3, line 1, insert the words "and towns" after the word "cities."

In Section 3, line 1, strike out "five hundred" and insert in lieu thereof "five thousand."

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 119, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 180:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of J. H. Williams for services as stenographer in the Circuit Court of Duval County, Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 180 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 82:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate weights of produce sold in the State of Florida.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 82 was informally passed.

Mr. Peacock 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 7, 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 passed—

House Bill No. 191:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of aged teachers.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 191, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 7, 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 passed—

Senate Bill No. 46:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 145 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to bond and oath of office of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 46, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 7, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

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. 60:

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

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 60, 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 7, 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 passed—

Senate Bill No. 86:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe what shall be deemed a lawful fence in part of townships 43 and 44, ranges 26 and 28 in Lee county, Florida, and to exempt said territory from the provisions of Sections 875, 876 and 878 of the Revised Statutes of Florida.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 86, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 7, 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 passed—

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize a married woman under age to convey real estate.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 48, con-

tained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Consideration of bills on second reading was resumed.

House Bill No. 78:

A bill to be entitled an act as to the incorporation of social clubs or societies not for profit.

Was taken up.

Mr. McCreary moved that House Bill No. 78 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams asked that Mr. Rogers be excused from attendance until Thursday next.

Mr. Rogers was excused.

Senate Bill No. 214:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Arcadia, in the county of DeSoto, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the city of Arcadia, and to define its territorial boundary and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges.

Was taken up.

Mr. Whidden moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 214 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and Senate Bill No. 214 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Kirk moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 214 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 214 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer, Peacock, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th, Wadsworth and Williams—30.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 214 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Adams moved that House Bill No. 174 now on table subject to call, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to.

And

House Bill No. 174:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing a defense for killing or injuring a dog.

Having previously been read a second time.

Was taken up.

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

Strike out the words "chasing or worrying" in Section 1, line 3.

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

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

Senate Bill No. 212:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the collection of poll taxes.

Was taken up.

Mr. Baker asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 212.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 212 was withdrawn.

Senate Bill No. 158:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate five thousand dollars to defray the expenses of and maintain an exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition, at Buffalo, N. Y.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 158 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 224:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the participation of the State of Florida in the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition, and making an appropriation therefor.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 224 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 193:

A bill to be entitled an act for the preservation of wild deer, birds and other game, and to prescribe the time within which they may be hunted, and prescribing a penalty for any violation thereof.

Was taken up.

Mr. Baker moved that House Bill No. 193 be recommitted to the Committee on Game.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 193 was so referred.

Senate Bill No. 230:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe and enlarge the powers of the City Council of Ocala in relation to licenses and taxes upon any and all professions, business and occupations carried on or managed in said city.

Was taken up.

Mr. Baker moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 230 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and Senate Bill No. 230 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Baker moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 230 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 230 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blitch, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—24.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 230 passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 234:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable cities, towns and villages incorporated under any general or special law of this State to fix the rates and charges for the supply of water furnished by any individual, company or corporation to any such city, town or village and the inhabitants thereof.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 234 be placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading without engrossing.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 234 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

House Memorial No. 101:

A memorial to Congress of the United States of America relating to lands for the Seminole Indians of Florida.

Mr. Harris moved that House Memorial No. 101 be informally passed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 134:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8, Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to county school levy.

Was taken up.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 134 be made a special order for to-morrow at 10:15 o'clock a m.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 80:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation for an encampment of the Florida State Troops during the years 1901 and 1902, and for the transportation of the State Troops to and from the same.

Was taken up and read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 80—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th and Wilson of 7th—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Butler moved that Senate Bill No. 58, now on table subject to call, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to.

And

Senate Bill No. 58:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Butler moved that Senate Bill No. 58 be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 58 was so referred.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 191:

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Board of Health of Florida to negotiate with the United States Government to operate the quarantine station under certain conditions.

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 191 be informally passed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 221:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the taking of food fish in the waters of the State of Florida, to be designated by the Board of County Commissioners of each county, and to provide the punishment of persons violating the same.

Was taken up and read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 221—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Blitch, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th and Wilson of 7th—23.

Nays—Messrs. Crews, Palmer of 14th and Wadsworth—3.

• So the bill passed, title as stated.

On the question "Shall such remain the title of the bill?"

Mr. Crill moved that the title be corrected by striking out the word "waters" in the title of the bill, and insert the words "fresh water lakes," so that the title will read:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the taking of food fish in the fresh water lakes of the State of Florida, to be designated by the Board of County Commissioners of each county, and to provide the punishment of persons violating the same.

Which was agreed to.

And the title was so corrected.

By permission—

Mr. Miller, Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Matter of the Condition of the State Buildings at Tallahassee, submitted the following report:

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—The Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives appointed under the resolution of the two bodies to take into consideration the matter of the condition of the Capitol Building and the enlargement and repair of the same, have the honor to report as follows:

First. The Committee at its first business meeting determined it was advisable to employ an architect to supply

any deficiency of information as to the subject in hand, and acting upon this conclusion secured the services of Mr. Gilkes of Jacksonville, Florida.

Second. Having found that the enlargement and repair of the present building is entirely practicable, and that there are no defects of foundation or of other character precluding an enlargement thereof, the committee advertised for plans and estimates for the enlargement and repair of the building.

Third. The plan submitted by Mr. Frank P. Milburn, of Charlotte, North Carolina, has been found acceptable and has secured the approval of the committee, and is herewith submitted as a part of this report with the recommendation that the same be adopted. Mr. Milburn's estimate of the amount it will take to carry out such plan, including the pay of himself as the architect who shall superintend such construction, is from Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). The latter figure he is satisfied will secure the performance of the work in a manner acceptable to all, while the former figure will do so in a plainer manner.

Fourth. The committee has concluded that the work should be placed in charge of a commission of which the Governor shall be the Chairman, and herewith submit a bill to be entitled "an act to provide for the enlargement and repair of the Capitol building, and making an appropriation for such purpose," and respectfully recommend that it be passed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. MILLER,

Chairman of Joint Committee.

The report of the committee was read in full.

Mr. Harris moved that the report be spread on the Journal and the bill accompanying it be read by its title.

Which was agreed to.

By Joint Committee:

Senate Bill No. 244:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the enlargement and repair of the Capitol building, and making an appropriation for such purpose.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 244 be placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And it was so ordered.

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 244 be made a special order for to-morrow, and be taken up immediately after the Senate finishes the consideration of Senate Bill No. 215.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. MacWilliams presented the following report, which was read:

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Special Joint Committee for the purpose of Considering and Reporting upon all measures for the relief of the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts of the State.

Beg leave to report the accompanying joint resolution, proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article V of the Constitution, relating to Circuit Judges.

And recommend the passage of the same.

Very respectfully,

W. A. MacWILLIAMS,

Chairman of Committee.

On part of the Senate.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the accompanying Joint Resolution be read by its title.

Which was agreed to.

By Mr. MacWilliams, for Joint Committee on Relief of Supreme and Circuit Courts:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 245:

A Joint Resolution proposing amendment to Sections 8 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Joint Resolution No. 245 be placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading without reference to committee.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And it was so ordered.

Consideration of bills on third reading was resumed.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 87:

Proposing an amendment to Section 17 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, defining the jurisdiction of the County Judge.

Was taken up.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 87 be informally passed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 202:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 582 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the per diem of County Commissioners.

Was taken up and read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 202—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blicht, Broome, Butler, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Law, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse, Sams and Wilson of 7th—21.

Nays—Messrs. Carson, Miller, Whidden and Wadsworth—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 be now taken up and considered in the absence of Senator Rogers, the introducer of the resolution.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1:

A Joint Resolution proposing amendments to Sections 2 and 4 of Article V, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the Judicial Department.

Was taken up and read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on Senate Joint Resolution No. 1—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams Baker, Blicht, Butler, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 7th and Williams—26.

Nays—Messrs. Broome, Carson, Wilson of 4th and Wadsworth—4.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, having received the constitutional majority of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 174:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled "an act prohibiting the granting by municipalities of franchises or rights to use streets for certain purposes for any term exceeding thirty years, or without reserving the right at and after the expiration of such term to purchase

property used under such franchise or right," approved June 2, 1899.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

Mr. Law moved that Senate Bill No. 174 be indefinitely postponed.

The yeas and nays were demanded on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

Upon call of the roll—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Myers, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—18.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Blicht, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Miller, McCaskill, McCreary, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Wilson of 4th and Williams—13.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams gave notice that on to-morrow he would move to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 174 was indefinitely postponed.

House Joint Resolution No. 199:

Proposing an amendment to Section 6, of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Was taken up and read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on House Joint Resolution No. 199—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Blicht, Broome, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Denham, Kirk, Law, Miller, McCaskill, Mc-

Creary, O'Brien, Sams, Wilson of 4th and Wadsworth—17.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Cottrell, Myers, MacWilliams, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Wilson of 7th and Williams—8.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 199 having failed to receive the constitutional majority of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, failed to pass.

Mr. Williams gave notice that on to-morrow he would move to reconsider the vote by which House Joint Resolution No. 199 failed to pass.

House Bill No. 96:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the examination and licensing of pilots by Pilot Commissioners.

Was taken up.

Mr. O'Brien moved that House Bill No. 96 be informally passed.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 187:

A bill to be entitled an act prohibiting certain unnatural practices and prescribing a penalty therefor.

Was taken up and read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 187—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Broome, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Denham, Kirk, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Sams, Wilson of 7th and Williams—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 59:

A bill to be entitled an act to require the several Boards of Public Instruction of the several counties of this State to make monthly reports of all the receipts and disbursements of money to the County Commissioners of the respective counties.

Was taken up.

Mr. Carson moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 59.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Substitute for—

House Bill No. 95:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for county adoptions of uniformity of text books in public free schools of this State, and to repeal Chapter 4680, Laws of Florida, approved June 2, 1899.

Was taken up and read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 95—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blich, Broome, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Kirk, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer, Peacock, Whidden and Wilson of 7th—18.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Myers, Rouse, Sams and Williams—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

On the question: "Shall such remain the title of the bill?"

Mr. Carson moved that the title be corrected by adding after the figures "1899," in the title the following: "being an act to provide for county adoptions of uniformity of text

books in the public free schools of this State," so that the title will read:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for county adoptions of uniformity of text books in the public free schools of this State, and to repeal Chapter 4680, Laws of Florida, approved January 2, 1899, being "an act to provide for county adoptions of uniformity of text books in the public free schools of this State."

Which was agreed to.

And the title was so corrected.

Senate Bill No. 195:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 12, Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenues, approved June 1, 1895.

Was taken up and read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 195—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blicht, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th and Williams—24.

Nays—Mr. Wadsworth—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act prohibiting judges of courts and prosecuting attorneys thereof to be partners in the practice of law, and prohibiting partners from practicing law before such judges.

Was taken up and read the third time in full, as amended, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 92—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Blicht, Butler, Cottrell, Crill, Denham, Harris, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse, Whidden, Wilson of 4th and Williams—20.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Sams and Wadsworth—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 197:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of John D. Tucker for services as stenographer in Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida.

Was taken up and read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of of the roll on Senate Bill No. 197—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Harris, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rouse, Whidden, Sams and Wadsworth—22.

Nays—Mr. Palmer of 14th—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled an act for relief of W. C. Hargrove, former tax collector of Putnam county, Florida.

Was taken up and read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 205—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Broome, Butler Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Harris, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rouse Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th and Williams—23.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Palmer of 14th was excused from voting.

By permission—

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

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 209:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the city of Pensacola to levy a special tax for the support of a free public library, and to authorize said city to enter into an obligation for the support thereof.

Beg leave to report that they have had same under consideration, and recommend that said bill be passed by the Senate.

Very respectfully,

W. HUNT HARRIS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 209, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—
Mr. Blitch, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 158:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate five thousand dollars to defray the expense of and maintain an exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 119:

An act to authorize cities and towns of over five thousand inhabitants to pass and enforce ordinances to compel stationary steam engineers to pass an examination for licenses, and to take out licenses, affixing a penalty for failure thereof; to compel the inspection of steam boilers, except locomotive and marine boilers, and to compel employers to employ only licensed stationary engineers, affixing a penalty for failure thereof; and to compel employers, their managers or servants to allow inspection of boilers, affixing a penalty for the failure thereof.

Have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 158 and 119, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Blitch, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 180:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of J. H. Williams for services as stenographer in the Circuit Court of Duval county, Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 224:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the participation of the State of Florida in the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition, and making an appropriation therefor.

Have carefully examined the same, and find them to be correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 180 and 224, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading:

By permission—

Mr. Blich, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 8, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 106:

A bill to be entitled an act to require all merchants, commission merchants, provision dealers and storekeepers and all other persons, selling or offering to sell flour, meal, grits, oats, corn, wheat, rye, bran, beans, potatoes and peanuts, already put up, placed and packed in sacks, bags or barrels, in original packages, to have marked, stamped or stenciled on the sacks, bags or barrels the exact weight thereof in pounds avoirdupois; and to prescribe penalties for failure to do so; and to prescribe penalties for marking, stamping and stenciling false weights.

Have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 106, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Butler moved to adjourn until 9:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.