

Mr. O'Brien introduced—
Senate Bill No. 193:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the city of Pensacola to issue negotiable bonds for certain municipal purposes, and to provide a Board of Bond Trustees.

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

Mr. Law moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate Stood adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30.

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, Blitch, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, M. Creary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th, Wadsworth and Williams—32.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Carson introduced the following memorial:

State of Oregon,
Office of the Secretary of State,
Salem, February 2, 1901.

Dear Sir—As directed by House Joint Resolution No. 4, adopted by the Twenty-first Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, I have the honor to hand you herewith a certified copy of the same for presentation to the Legislative Assembly of your State.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully yours,

F. I. DUNBAR,
Secretary of State.

State of Oregon,
Twenty-first Legislative Assembly.

To the Honorable Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Fla. :

House Joint Resolution No 4:

Whereas, Under the present method of the election of United States Senators by the Legislatures of the several States, protracted contests frequently result in no election at all, and in all cases interfering with needed State legislation; and,

Whereas, Oregon, in common with many of the other States, has asked Congress to adopt an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, and said amendment has passed the House of Representatives on several occasions, but the Senate of the United States has continually refused to adopt said Amendment; therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon, the Senate concurring, That the Congress of the United States is hereby asked and urgently requested to call a Constitutional Convention for proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as provided in Article V of the said Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That we hereby ask and urgently request that the Legislative Assembly of each of the other States in the Union unite with us in asking and urgently requesting the Congress of the United States to call a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this joint resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Legislative Assembly of each and every of the other States of the Union.

Adopted by the House January 23, 1901.

L. B REEDER,
Speaker of the House.

Concurred in by the Senate January 25, 1901.

C. W. FULTON,
President of the Senate.

(Endorsed.)

House Joint Resolution No. 4.

A. C. JENNINGS, Chief Clerk.

Filed January 30, 1901.

F. I. DUNBAR, Secretary of State.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of Oregon,

Office of the Secretary of State.

I, F. I. Dunbar, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, and custodian of the seal of said State; that the foregoing transcript of House Joint Resolution No. 4, filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, January 30, 1901, has been by me compared with the original copy of the said House Joint Resolution No. 4, now on file in this office, and that it is a true and correct transcript thereof, and the whole of said original House Joint Resolution No. 4.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the seal of the State of Oregon.

Done at the Capitol, at Salem, Oregon, this thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1901.

F. I. DUNBAR,
Secretary of State.

The memorial was ordered spread on the Journal.

Mr. Baker presented the following petition:

To the Florida Legislature:

We, the members of the Orange Springs Normal, hereby respectfully petition your honorable body as follows:

First. To eliminate the present five-mill clause and place it at seven mills instead.

Second. That the Board of Equalization for the purpose of equalizing the percentage of assessed value of all property, be created.

Third—That a bill be passed requiring uniformity of textbooks throughout the State.

Adopted by the Institute in open session.

J. H. BRINSON,
Principal.

The petition was ordered spread on the Journal.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Crill:

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.

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

By Mr. Crill:

Senate Bill No. 195:

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

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

By Mr. Butler:

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.

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

By Mr. Denham:

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.

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

By Mr. MacWilliams:

Senate Bill No. 198:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of birds and their nests and eggs.

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

By Mr. Palmer of 11th:

Senate Bill No. 199:

A bill to be entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled an act to abolish the present corporation of the town of Plant City, Florida, and to establish a municipal government for said town, approved May 30th, 1893, and amended June 2, 1899."

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

By Mr. Wilson of 7th:

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.

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

By Mr. Law:

Senate Bill No. 201:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section Six (6), Chapter 4878, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1895, entitled "an act to repeal Chapter 4506, Acts of A. D. 1895, Laws of Florida, and to confirm, amend and supplement the municipal corporation of the town of Green Cove Springs, Florida, and to give it certain powers and privileges.

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

By Mr. Sams:

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.

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

Mr. Sams moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 156 passed on yesterday.

Which was laid over under the rules.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12:

Resolved, That the Senate, the House concurring, shall adjourn sine die on May 31st, 1901, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 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 Joint Resolution No. 25:

A Joint Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation to the Florida Agricultural College

With amendments thereto.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 25:

A Joint Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation to the Florida Agricultural College.

Contained in the above message, together with the following House amendment thereto:

Add to the title the following: "And appropriating money for the equipping of such gymnasium."

Was taken up.

Mr. Carson moved that the Senate concur in the House amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 25, as amended, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, Chairman of the Joint Committee on the part of the Senate to visit the Dear, Dumb and Blind Asylum, at St. Augustine, submitted the following report, which was ordered spread on the Journal:

Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee, appointed under House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, to inspect the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute, at St. Augustine, respectfully inform you that it has performed that duty and submits the following report:

Your Committee met at St. Augustine at 11 a. m., April 22, and organized with J. Y. Porter, of Monroe, as chairman. The committee at once proceeded to the institution, which is located on a six-acre lot about two miles north of the Plaza, St. Augustine, the three main buildings fronting the street and facing north. The illustration on the second page of the

"Florida School Herald" (published at the school), accompanying this report, gives a good representation of the appearance of the main structures used by the white department. The colored faculty and students are cared for in a double building to the rear of these three houses, and nearer the centre of the property. Your committee was met at the depot on arrival in St. Augustine by a committee of the citizens of that place, and by the Superintendent of the asylum, Mr. W. B. Hare, and were shown every courtesy and attention during their stay in the city. The committee visited the school three times, spending several hours at each stay, and feel that a very careful and thorough examination was made.

The impression upon approaching the buildings and grounds was that of general cleanliness and care, which was borne out upon closer scrutiny of the details. The interior of the buildings gave many evidences of need of repairs, the ceiling being stained and discolored by water from the leaky roofs, the piazzas and steps showing much decay, and the doors and windows all demanding attention.

It was found that the buildings accommodated sixty-one pupils, and with the faculty and help, numbered, all told, seventy-nine persons.

Your committee visited each class room and witnessed the work of the scholars, being particularly impressed with the patient and painstaking methods of the several instructors. There seemed to be great lack of proper facilities and adequate space; some of the children not having desks, and others utilizing various kinds of "home-made" contrivances. The instruction books were old and worn, and in several instances not adapted to the work. In the primary class it was found that the teacher, Miss Bessie Blaker, was compelled to conduct two separate and distinct divisions of this class of instruction, i. e., a class limited to "sign work," and a smaller number who had been advanced to "oralism." Your committee thinks that this class should be immediately divided; that those who are making some advancement in language work may not be retarded by having a teacher whose time was more than three-fourths consumed in her attention to those capable of receiving sign instruction only.

A careful study of the work and general scope of the institution was made, and it is thought by the committee that little more can be done with the present facilities. It was ascertained that Prof. Graham Bell, of Washington, D. C., who procured his data from the last U. S. census, estimates that there are about 222 deaf, dumb and blind persons in Florida of school age. Of this number we find 61, or about three-

tenths per cent. are now in school, as follows: Deaf, white males, 15, females, 17; blind, males, 6, females, 2, a total of 40 white children. Colored, deaf, 9 males and 7 females; blind, 5 males, total, 21. It was learned that at the beginning of the scholastic year, last October, there were 65 inmates, but 4 have been returned, 2 for misconduct, 1 on account of feeble-mindedness, and one because of ill health. The tables accompanying this report show these matters in tabulated form, as well as the counties from which the instances the State did not get charge of the afflicted ones-children came, etc. It was well demonstrated that in many until they were far advanced in years, several not being admitted until they had lived sixteen or more years in utter mental darkness. The work of enlightenment in such instances is peculiarly difficult and devoid of the encouragement given in the cases of younger children, whose minds are more receptive and impressible. When it is realized that when first entered the children know absolutely nothing and have little more intelligence than an animal, their attainments and progress is astonishing.

The class rooms, which are all about 15 by 30 feet, with 12 feet ceiling, accommodating an average of ten or twelve, were clean and well ventilated. There was, however, an insufficient number of blackboards and charts, and a general lack of other necessary school adjuncts, occasioned, it was explained, by want of money to purchase more. The dormitories, which are situated above the class rooms, furnished with iron cots, are large, roomy and well kept. It was noted, however, that the ceilings were supported by props in some instances, and the plastering much discolored by the weather, the roofs being all greatly in need of repair. While not crowded, the institution could not well accommodate a much larger number. Your committee visited the kitchen and dining room, and saw the pupils at their mid-day meal, the food of which appeared ample and well cooked. Careful inquiry of the Superintendent and Attending Physician, shows that the children are generally healthy, and that there has been but little sickness. At the time of our visit there were but two away from their work, a boy who had broken his arm and a girl who was suffering from some little digestive disturbance, both white. The children are engaged with their lessons from 8 a. m. until 1, when they have dinner. In the afternoon the girls devote their attention to sewing, mending and making of garments and other feminine employment, and the boys are busied in the printing office, in the workshop and in the garden. In this connection, it was found that 272 new

garments had been made by the girls, 1266 had been repaired and 25 fancy articles made. These things were the work, of course, of the deaf and dumb. The blind were also employed, and quite as industrious, their efforts being turned to the formation of bead baskets and other work peculiarly adapted to their condition. It was thought by your committee that if any recommendation was made, it would be that the pupils be given more play time and out-door exercise, though it was not found that the children dreaded their tasks, but seemed to take great pleasure in their work, both in the class room and that of industrial nature.

While the races are kept separate as much as possible, being housed and taught in entirely separate structures, there is no material division in the yard, and some slight occasional contact can occur during recreation hours and in passing to and from parts of the premises. Your committee thinks this should be immediately remedied by the construction of a fence or other subdivision of the grounds. It was noticed that both white and colored youths worked side by side in the garden.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

After a careful investigation and study of the necessities and requirements of this part of the State School system, your committee have come to the conclusion that if the defects noted elsewhere are to be remedied, the annual appropriation must be increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000, and that the sum of \$4,000 should be immediately appropriated for the repairing of the buildings, now almost uninhabitable in inclement weather. It is estimated that not less than \$200 per capita per annum should be allowed this institution, and that the yearly appropriation should be so computed. There are at present some sixty odd pupils, which would make the sum necessary for their maintenance about \$12,000. At present the school receives but \$10,000, or about \$143 per capita per annum. This is the amount received when it accommodated but forty pupils and there has been no corresponding increase with the gradual enrollment of additional children. We think that an increase of this per capita allowance would be more in keeping with the necessities of the situation, and enable the school to gradually acquire better facilities, guarantee the children better food and clothing and better qualified and more equitably paid instructors. An examination of the reports of the institution shows that the yearly allowance per child was about \$200 in the early nineties, but that the appropriation has never been increased.

A comparison with schools in other State evidences that the average yearly per capita is more than this. From estimates submitted by the Superintendent, Hare, it is computed that it will cost \$720 to reshingle the present buildings, an imperative need; that it will cost \$900 more to repaint the buildings, replace the veranda sills and fix up the interiors. It is also suggested that when this work is undertaken, the dining room and kitchen be raised to a level with the adjoining structures, and a second story be added to the building, affording a large room over the dining room. This will cost about \$2,300. Of course, your committee recognizes that it would be far preferanble and more advantageous, as well as conducive to the dignity of our great commonwealth, could the State immediately undertake the construction of a suitable brick or stone edifice as a permanent and lasting home for this constantly growing charity, but in view of the slight chance of the State's ability to at this time sanction an expenditure of \$30,000 or \$40,000 for such a purpose, it is felt that it is wisest to urge attention to the immediate necessities.

Your committee regret that, realizing the State's many financial burdens, they cannot at once recommend the establishment of a substantial structure, for too much can hardly be done for the helpless, nor can it be disputed that as soon as the State does more for this institution, philanthropic citizens of Florida, and those of like sentiment from the North, wintering in St. Augustine, will take a more material interest in the school and vie with each other in contributing to its usefulness and welfare.

Your committee were cheerfully given an insight into the financial details of the work, being furnished the monthly payroll and expense accounts of the school, where it was observed that the skilled teachers were but meagrely compensated, the result being that changes were sure to follow a more advantageous offer from another school of like character. In fact, it was stated by the Superintendent that unless the present instructors saw some prospects of increased salary next year, their return to the work after the summer vacation was questionable. Thus the necessity of the increase yearly appropriation is emphasized. It was remarked that the colored instructoresses received a larger salary than the white ladies teaching in similar grades. This, your committee, feels, is not equitable, especially as the colored department has fewer pupils, and the teachers a lessened responsibility in that they are not apt to be held as strictly accountable by the children's parents.

Your committee is of the opinion that no deaf or mute person should be employed as supervisor or supervisoress in this institute; the reasons for which are obvious, when considering the physical impossibility for such person to recognize an urgent demand for assistant either in personal distress or in case of accident or fire. Your committee strongly urges the necessity of employing a night watchman for the institution. The construction of the buildings, the inflammable materials composing the same, the use of oil lamps and stoves in the dormitories and the helpless character of the inmates, makes it imperative that every means shall be taken and possibilities anticipated to prevent disastrous consequences should the buildings take fire.

Your committee commends the earnestness and zeal of Superintendent Hare and his apparent desire to make the work he has undertaken a success. It is to be regretted that he has had no previous training or experience with the class of scholars now under his care prior to being placed in charge of this institution, for your committee is of the opinion that the Superintendent should be a thoroughly trained teacher of the deaf, dumb and blind, that he may not only render aid in emergency when one of the staff is indisposed but at all times participate in and direct the instruction, as it is not understood that there is sufficient work connected with the institution to require that he be but a general overseer and business manager. It would certainly seem to your committee that the head of the institution should be skilled in this peculiar method of teaching.

Your committee is impressed with the excellent mental equipment of the other teachers for their respective work.

This report, with accompanying papers and tables, is respectfully submitted.

C. L. WILSON,

Chairman

On the part of the Senate,

JOSEPH Y. PORTER,

JOHN W. DAVIS,

On the part of the House,

Committee.

St. Augustine, Fla., April 23, 1901.

Stuff and work done during the six months ending March 31, 1901:

Printing Office.

For outside people.

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| Ads. in Herald | \$ 10 50 |
| Job work | 2 50 |

For school.

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| 2,000 envelopes | 4 00 |
| 3,000 letter heads | 4 00 |

Carpenter Work

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| 5 work benches | \$ 25 00 |
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Minor current repairs.

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| Laying sewer pipe | 10 00 |
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Garden.

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| 60 cabbages at 8 c | \$ 4 80 |
| 60 bunches turnips at 5 c | 3 00 |
| 3 bushels of onions | 3 75 |
| 3 bushels of beans | 3 00 |

Cows.

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| 482 qts. milk at 8 1-3c. | \$ 40 16 |
| 1 cow hide | 1 00 |
| 12 lbs. butter at 25 c. | 3 00 |

Hogs, Poultry, Etc.

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|------------------------------|----------|
| 486 lbs. pork at 10 c. | \$ 48 60 |
| 52 lbs. veal at 10 c | 5 20 |
| 25 lbs. turkey at 15 c | 3 75 |
| 24 lbs. ducks at 10 c | 2 40 |
| 14 chickens | 3 50 |

Sewing Room.

272 new garments.

1266 garments repaired.

25 fancy articles made.

Florida School for Deaf and Dumb.

Comparative statement showing attendance, total cost and per capita expense for the past eight years:

| Session. | No. | Total Cost. | Per capita cost per pupil. |
|----------|-----|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 1893-'94 | 49 | \$8,038.90 | \$196.12 |
| 1894-'95 | 43 | 8,642.09 | 200.99 |
| 1895-'96 | | 8,318.12 | |
| 1896-'97 | 53 | 8,564.94 | 161.60 |
| 1897-'98 | 62 | 9,214.57 | 148.62 |
| 1898-'99 | 71 | 9,797.34 | 138.00 |

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|----------|----|-----------|--------|
| 1899-'00 | 59 | 9,835.65 | 166.70 |
| 1900-'01 | 65 | 9,300.00* | 143.03 |

*Estimated.

PER CAPITA COST IN OTHER STATES.

Deaf Schools and Blind.

In twenty-seven schools in the Southern and Western States, the average attendance was found to be 235, and the average cost per capita, \$218. In the State of New York, the average attendance of the seven schools was 209, and the average cost was \$288.

Taking the schools for the deaf in the States of Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, the average attendance was 250 and the average cost \$260; and nearly all these institutions receive income from the endowment funds in addition to what the State allows.

Taking the schools in Southern, Western and Eastern States, the average attendance was found to be 245, and the average cost about \$240.

These facts are taken from the report for 1900 made by Superintendent J. H. Johnson, the efficient Superintendent of the Alabama Schools for the Deaf and Blind located at Talladega. This report was made to the Governor of Alabama and at the last session of the Legislature in January, that body raised the per capita cost or allowance from \$217.50 to \$230.

In a letter under date of April 20, Superintendent Johnson writes that a school with only 100 pupils ought to have three hundred dollars per capita allowance to do the best work.

The smaller the attendance the greater will be the per capita cost.

The per capita cost in Florida School is \$143.03, even counting transportation and everything.

SAMPLE OF PAYROLL—MARCH, 1901.

White Department.

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| W. B. Hare, Superintendent | \$100 00 |
| W. H. Carter, Head Teacher | 125 00 |
| Miss Bessie Blaker, teacher prim. grade (white) | 25 00 |
| Guy L. Bonham, boys' supervisor and teacher | 30 00 |
| Miss W. I. McLain, girls' supervisor | 25 00 |
| Miss L. B. Johnson, instructor of the blind | 25 00 |
| G M Allen, carpenter | 25 00 |

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| Mrs. W B. Hare, matron | 30 00 |
| Colored Department. | |
| Miss G. E. Mays, teacher | 27 50 |
| Miss Mamie H Mays, teacher | 30 00 |
| Lewis Towns, boys' supervisor | 15 00 |
| Charlotte Elden, girls' supervisor | 15 00 |
| General Help. | |
| Annie Graham, cook | 20 00 |
| Eliza Dudley, cook | 12 00 |
| Eva Tatum, laundress | 12 00 |
| Ida Regden, laundress | 12 00 |
| Mattie Wardler, house girl | 10 00 |
| | - |
| | \$548 50 |

Figures and facts pertaining to the present session. Session commenced October 1, 1900:

Cost for six months to April 1, 1901:

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|---|------------|
| For salaries and wages (see pay-roll) | \$3,360 50 |
| For supplies, including repairs, transportation, etc, | 2,742 82 |
| | - |
| Total | \$6,102 32 |
| Total cost per month | \$1,017 32 |
| Total cost per month per pupil | 16 40 |
| Total cost per day per pupil | 54 |
| Cost for supplies alone per day per pupil | 24 |
| Salaries and wages during March, 1901 | \$ 548 50 |
| Supplies same month | 409 70 |
| | - |
| Per capita cost of a pupil for month | 15 45 |

PUPILS AT FLORIDA SCHOOL FOR DEAF AND BLIND.

Session for 1900-01.

WHITE DEPARTMENT.

Deaf—Boys, 17; girls, 17; total deaf, white, 34.

Blind—Boys, 6; girls, 2; total blind, white, 8; total white, 42.

COLORED DEPARTMENT

Deaf—Boys, 10; girls, 8; total colored deaf, 18.

Blind—Boys, 5; girls, 0; total colored blind, 5; total colored, 23.

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Expelled for misconduct—White deaf boys, 1.
 Expelled for misconduct—Colored deaf boys, 1.
 Sent home for feeble mind—Colored deaf boys, 1.
 Sent home for poor health—White boys, deaf, 1.
 Present total, 61.
 April 22, 1901.

PUPILS BY COUNTIES.

| Counties | White Deaf | White Blind | Negro Deaf | Negro Blind | Total |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| Alachua | 7 | | 2 | | 9 |
| Baker | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Bradford | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Citrus | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Columbia | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Dade | 3 | | | | 3 |
| DeSoto | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Duval | 4 | | 3 | 1 | 8 |
| Escambia | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Gadsden | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Hillsborough | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 6 |
| Holmes | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Jackson | 4 | | | | 4 |
| Jefferson | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Lake | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Levy | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Manatee | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Marion | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 4 |
| Monroe | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Nassau | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Osceola | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Polk | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Putnam | | | | 1 | 1 |
| St. Johns | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Suwannee | | | | | |
| Taylor | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Volusia | 2 | | 1 | | 3 |
| Brevard | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Totals | 34 | 8 | 18 | 5 | 65 |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Special Committee on Clerical Aid, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Special Committee on Clerical Aid, to whom was referred—

Senate Resolution No. 17:

Resolved, That the Committees on Privileges and Elections, Mining and Phosphate, Temperance, Agriculture, and City and County Organization, be allowed to employ one clerk to serve all of said committees.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend its approval, and that said committee be authorized to employ a clerk.

Very respectfully,

C. B. ROGERS,
Chairman of Committee.

Senate Resolution No. 17, contained in the above report, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to Senate Resolution No. 17:

Add "the Committee on Constitutional Amendments" to the other committees to be served by the proposed clerk.

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the resolution as amended.

Which was agreed to.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 179:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Sheriffs to approve bonds of persons committed into their custody by committing magistrates and to fix their fees for the same.

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

By striking out the following, same being Section 2 of said bill:

"That any Sheriff approving a bond under the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall receive from the person furnishing such bond the sum of fifty cents therefor, and he shall not be compelled to release such person from custody until his fee is paid."

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 179, 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 29, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 186:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the compensation of clerks of the Circuit Courts for attendance on Court, and for deposit of costs in all civil cases.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

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

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 172:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2588, Revised Statutes of Florida, in regard to voluntary escape by an officer.

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

In the last line of Section 1, after the word "charged," add the following: "Provided, that in capital cases the punishment shall not be greater than twenty years."

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 172, 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 29, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 13:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for arrest without warrant.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 13, 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 29, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 62:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the taking, carrying away or concealing of the personal property of another with malicious or mischievous intent, but without intent to steal, and prescribing a penalty for the same.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 62, 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 29, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 143:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1394 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the compensation of clerks of the Circuit Courts, as Clerk and Recorder.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 143 contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla. April 29, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 147:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the kidnapping of children with intent to extort money from the parents, guardian or persons having the custody of such child, and to affix a penalty for violation thereof.

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

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

And House Bill No. 147, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to make valid certain instruments defectively acknowledged, and to make the record of the same notice to all persons.

Also,

An act to amend Section 1259 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the territorial powers of constables.

Also,

An act to provide for the admission in evidence, of the testimony of parties convicted of crime and providing for the admission of evidence affecting the credibility of such witnesses.

Also,

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States, requesting that the Tortugas Group of Islands be restored to the Treasury Department of the United States to be used for quarantine purposes of the Government.

Also,

An act to prohibit shooting at or into dwelling houses or steam boats, and to provide punishment for same.

Also,

An act to appeal Section 10 of an act entitled "An act to require railroads in the State of Florida to fence their tracks, to provide the time and manner in which fence shall be constructed, and to provide a penalty for failure so to do and to provide the measure of damages for cattle

killed or injured by trains or engines on railroads not fenced, and provide for the payment of attorney's fees and double damages for the killing or injury to domestic live stock under certain conditions by the companies refusing or neglecting to fence their roads as required. Approved June 5th, 1899, and designated as Chapter 4706, Laws of Florida.

Have examined the same and found them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,
J. M. N. PEACOCK,
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.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Militia, to whom was referred—
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.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 15:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation for a cruise for instruction and for the transportation of the Naval Militia of the State of Florida for the years 1901 and 1902, and to provide for the other expenses necessary for the proper equipment, instruction and maintenance of the Florida Naval Militia.

Also,

House Bill No. 15:

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 4, 1897.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 83:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections Six (6), nine (9), fourteen (14), and forty-five (45), of Chapter 4684, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for and encourage the organization of corps of Volunteer Militia for service as a land force, and to enforce the discipline therein, and to repeal Article 2, entitled "Volunter Militia," and Article 3, entitled "Florida State Troops," of Chapter 1 of Title VIII of First Division of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and Chapter 4042, Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of Volunteer Militia, and enforce the discipline," approved June 11, 1891, and Chapter 4167, Laws of Florida, entitled "an act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled an act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of Volunter Militia, and enforce theid discipline," approved June 11, 1891, and to further provide for and encourage the organization and discipline of said corps," approved June 2, 1893.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 137:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4684, Laws of Florida, approved June 3d, 1899, an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia for services as a land force and enforce the discipline thereof.

Beg leave to return the same with a recommendation that they pass.

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 80, 15, 83 and 137, and House Bill No. 15, contained in the above report, were 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 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Militia, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 154:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 6, 9, 14 and 45 of Chapter 4684, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volun-

teer militia for service as a land force, and to enforce the discipline therein; and to repeal Article 2, entitled Volunteer Militia, and Article 3, entitled Florida State Troops, of Chapter 1, of Title VIII, of Florida Division of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and Chapter 4042, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia and enforce the discipline, approved June 11, 1891, and Chapter 4167, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled an act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia and enforce their discipline, approved June 11, 1891, and to further provide for and encourage the organization and discipline of said corps, approved June 2, 1892.

Beg leave to report that the same pass.

Very respectfully,
B. D. WADSWORTH,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 154, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 44:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Section 2053 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to estrays.

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

Very respectfully,
E. L. COTTRELL,
Chairman of Committee.

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

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 23, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 174:

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

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

Very respectfully,

E. L. COTTRELL,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 174, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 173:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect sheep from dogs, and to provide for the collection of damages by the owner of sheep killed or damaged by the owner of said dogs.

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

Very respectfully,

E. L. COTTRELL,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 173, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 130:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of live stock from beasts of prey.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined same, and recomend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

E. L. COTTRELL,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 130, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to make valid certain instruments defectively acknowledged, and to make the record of the same notice to all persons.

Also,

An act to amend Section 1259 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the territorial powers of constables.

Also,

An act to provide for the admission in evidence, of the testimony of parties convicted of crime and providing for the admission of evidence affecting the credibility of such witnesses.

Also,

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States, requesting that the Tertugas Group of Islands be restored to the Treasury Department of the United States to be used for quarantine purposes of the government.

Also,

An act to prohibit shooting at or into dwelling houses or steam boats, and to provide punishment for same.

And,

An act to repeal Section 10 of an act entitled "An act to require railroads in the State of Florida to fence their tracks, to provide the time and manner in which fence shall be constructed, and to provide a penalty for failure so to do, and to provide the measure of damages for cattle

killed or injured by trains or engines on railroads not fenced, and provide for the payment of attorney's fees and double damages for the killing or injury to domestic live stock under fence their roads as required. Approved June 5th, 1899, and designated as Chapter 4706, Laws of Florida.

Beg to report that the same has been presented to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

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

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Joint Resolution No. 191:

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

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

Very respectfully,
P. W. BUTLER,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 191, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to make valid certain instruments defectively acknowledged, and to make the record of the same notice to all persons.

Also,

An act to amend Section 1259 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the territorial powers of constables.

Also,

An act to provide for the admission in evidence, of the testimony of parties convicted of crime and providing for the admission of evidence affecting the credibility of such witnesses.

Also,

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States, requesting that the Tortugas Group of Islands be restored to the Treasury Department of the United States to be used for quarantine purposes of the government.

Also,

An act to prohibit shooting at or into dwelling houses or steam boats, and to provide punishment for same.

Also,

An act to repeal Section 10 of an act entitled "An act to require railroads in the State of Florida to fence their tracks, to provide the time and manner in which fence shall be constructed, and to provide a penalty for failure so to do and to provide the measure of damages for cattle killed or injured by trains or engines on railroads not fenced, and provide for the payment of attorney's fees and double damages for the killing or injury to domestic live stock under certain conditions by the companies refusing or neglecting to fence their roads as required. Approved June 5th, 1899, and designated as Chapter 4706, Laws of Florida.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Chairman of Committee.

J. M. N. PEACOCK,

Very respectfully,

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to make valid certain instruments defectively acknowledged, and to make the record of the same notice to all persons.

Also,

An act to amend Section 1259 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the territorial powers of constables.

Also,

An act to provide for the admission in evidence, of the testimony of parties convicted of crime and providing for the admission of evidence affecting the credibility of such witnesses.

Also,

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States, requesting that the Tortugas Group of Islands be restored to the Treasury Department of the United States to be used for quarantine purposes of the government.

Also,

An act to prohibit shooting at or into dwelling houses or steam boats, and to provide punishment for same.

Also,

An act to repeal Section 10 of an act entitled "An act to require railroads in the State of Florida to fence their tracks, and to provide a penalty for failure so to do and to provide the measure of damages for cattle killed or injured by trains or engines on railroads not fenced, and provide for the payment of attorney's fees and double damages for the killing or injury to domestic live stock under certain conditions by the companies refusing or neglecting to fence their roads as required. Approved June 5th, 1899, and designated as Chapter 4706, Laws of Florida.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 175

A bill to be entitled an act to protect contractors, mechanics, laborers and material men, and to provide for the summary collection of moneys due them for wages or material furnished, and to repeal Chapter 4143 of the Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act in relation to liens of material men, approved June 3, 1893.

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

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 175, contained in the above report, was 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., April 29, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 170:

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

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. 170, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 75:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Lee Daniel.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 167:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the sale of pistol cartridges.

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

Very respectfully,

P. W. BUTLER,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 75 and 167, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 161:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of R. J. Chillingworth.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 138:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of an act passed by the Legislature of the State of Florida in the year 1895, that proof may be obtained by the survivors or descendants of the soldiers of the Indian wars in Florida, who may be entitled to pensions from the Government of the United States.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 169:

A bill to be entitled an act for the appointment of assistant State attorneys, their power and duties, and their compensation for such services.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

P. W. BUTLER,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 161, 138 and 169, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla. April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 183:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 4747, Laws of Florida, entitled an act prescribing the method of obtaining permits to sell liquors, wines and beer in certain cases.

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

Also,

Senate Bill No. 154:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a penalty for selling liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sale, and to provide a penalty for selling liquor without first paying the license required by law in counties voting for the sale of liquors; and to prescribe rules of evidence in such cases, and to prescribe forms of indictments and informations in such cases.

And said bill is returned herewith without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

J. B. CREWS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 133 and 154, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to make valid certain instruments defectively acknowledged, and to make the record of the same notice to all persons.

Also,

An act to amend Section 1259 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the territorial powers of constables.

Also,

An act to provide for the admission in evidence, of the testimony of parties convicted of crime and providing for the admission of evidence affecting the credibility of such witnesses.

Also,

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States, request-

ing that the Tortugas Group of Islands be restored to the Treasury Department of the United States to be used for quarantine purposes of the government.

Also,

An act to prohibit shooting at or into dwelling houses or steam boats, and to provide punishment for same.

Also,

An act to repeal Section 10 of an act entitled "An act to require railroads in the State of Florida to fence their tracks, to provide the time and manner in which fence shall be constructed, and to provide a penalty for failure so to do and to provide the measure of damages for cattle killed or injured by trains or engines on railroads not fenced, and provide for the payment of attorney's fees and double damages for the killing or injury to domestic live stock under certain conditions by the companies refusing or neglecting to fence their roads as required. Approved June 5th, 1899, and designated as Chapter 4706, Laws of Florida.

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

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

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.

House Bill No. 171:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 171 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 139:

A bill to be entitled an act to perpetuate the history of the soldiers of Florida by the publication of a roster of the soldiers engaged in the several wars, and records of each officer and soldier.

Was taken up.

Mr. Baker moved that Senate Bill No. 139 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and that bills on the table subject to call be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

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.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 30 was passed informally.

Senate Bill No. 45:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the sale and transportation for sale of fresh water fish beyond the limits of the county in which they are caught, and to fix a penalty for violation thereof.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 45 was informally passed.

Senate Bill No. 55:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No.

Which was granted.

Senate Bill No. 12:

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

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 12 was informally passed.

Senate Bill No. 57:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. McCreary asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 57.

Which was granted.

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.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 31 was informally passed.

Senate Bill No. 40:

A bill to be entitled an act to reimburse the county of Lake

for certain criminal cost and expenses paid by it prior to the adoption of the amendment to Section 9 of Article XVI, of the Constitution.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 40 was informally passed.

House Bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 4047 of the Acts of the Legislature of Florida of 1891, the same being entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Examiners, and to regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of Florida," being Chapter 4047 of the Laws of Florida, approved May 25, A. D. 1891.

Was taken up.

And House Bill No. 2 was informally passed.

Senate Bill No. 98:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the carrying of concealed weapons and providing a penalty therefor.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 98 was informally passed.

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.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 58 was informally passed.

Senate Bill No. 102:

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.

And Senate Bill No. 102 was informally passed.

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 and read a second time in full.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 134:

After the word "three" in line 5 of Section 8, insert in lieu thereof the following: "nor more than eight."

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 134 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engraved Bills.

House Memorial No. 101:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Memorial No. 101 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 97:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Annie E. Fitzgerald for services as stenographer in Circuit Court of Monroe county, Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 97, as a House Bill on the same subject was on the Calendar.

Which was granted.

Mr. Blitch moved that Senate Bill No. 154 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote

And

Senate Bill No. 154:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a penalty for selling liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sale, and to provide a penalty for selling liquor without first paying the license required by law in counties voting for the sale of liquors; and to prescribe rules of evidence in such cases, and to prescribe forms of indictments and informations in such cases.

Was taken up.

Mr. Blitch moved that Senate Bill No. 154 be read by sections for amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 1 was read.

Mr. Blitch offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 154:-

Strike out the words in Section 1, "spirituous, vinous or malt liquors," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "spirituous, vinous, malt or other intoxicating liquors."

Mr. Blitch moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blitch offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 154:

Strike out the words in Section 1, "eight months" and "six hundred," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "one year" and "one thousand."

Mr. Blitch moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 3 was read.

Mr. Blich offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 154:

Strike out the words in Section 2, "spirituous, vinous or malt liquors," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "spirituous, vinous, malt or other intoxicating liquors."

Mr. Blich moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 3 was read.

Section 4 was read.

Mr. Blich offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 154:

Strike out the words in Section 4 "two witnesses," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "one witness."

Mr. Blich moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Section 5 was read.

Mr. Blich offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 154:

Strike out the words in Section 5, "spirituous, vinous or malt liquors," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "spirituous, vinous, malt or other intoxicating liquors."

Mr. Blich moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blich offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 154:

Strike out the words in Section 5, where they occur a second time, "spirituous, vinous or malt liquors," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "spirituous, vinous, malt or other intoxicating liquors."

Mr. Blich moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blich offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 154:

In Section 5 after the word "thereof" insert the following: "or upon the testimony of one witness who has seen the name of the holder of said license or tax stamp on the books in the Internal Revenue Office."

Mr. Blich moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Section 6 was read.

Section 7 was read.

Mr. Blich offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 154:

Strike out all of Section 7, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Sec. 7. In all prosecutions by the State for the unlawful sale of intoxicating liquors, wines or beer contrary to

prohibition regulations, the introduction of a copy of the record of the result of the canvases of the returns of the election as made by the county canvassing board and recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, duly certified to by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for such county in which an election shall have been held, shall be taken as prima facie evidence that said election was legally called, conducted and held.

Mr. Blitch moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 8 was read.

Section 9 was read.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that Senate Bill No. 154, as amended, be laid on the table subject to call, and two hundred copies be printed.

Which was agreed to.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

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. Wilson of 4th moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 59 be placed back on second reading, and recommitted to the Committee on Education.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 132:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for free school books in the counties of this State.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 132—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Packer, Carson, Crews, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Rogers, Whidden, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—17.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blitch, Broome, Cottrell, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Myers, Sams and Williams—11.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 20:

Proposing an amendment to Section 18 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Joint Resolution No. 20—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs Adams, Baker, Blicht, Broome, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, McCaskill MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Whidden, Wilson of 4th and Wilson of 7th—22.

Nays—Messrs. Myers, McCreary, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth and Williams—6.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 20 having received the Constitutional majority of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, passed, title as stated.

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 read a third time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th (Mr. Law in the chair), moved that Senate Joint Resolution No 96 be placed back on second reading for amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 87:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 17 Article V of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Joint Resolution No. 87—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs Adams, Blicht, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Miller, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Neel, Whidden, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—15.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Broome, Harris, Law, Myers, McCreary, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Sams, Wadsworth and Williams—12.

So Joint Resolution No. 87 having failed to receive the Constitutional majority of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, failed to pass.

Mr. McCreary gave notice that on to-morrow he would move to reconsider the vote by which Senate Joint Resolution No. 87 failed to pass.

Senate Bill No. 131:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the inspection and analysis of and to regulate the sale of commercial fertilizers, manurial chemicals, cotton seed meal, castor pumace, tobacco

stems, tobacco dust or tobacco meal, in this State; to prohibit the sale of fraudulent or adulterated commercial fertilizers, manurial chemicals, cotton seed meal, castor pumace, tobacco stems, tobacco dust or tobacco meal; to fix penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and to provide for the collection of a license or inspection fee from the manufacturers or dealers in commercial fertilizers, manurial chemicals, cotton seed meal, tobacco stems, tobacco dust or tobacco meal and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act.

Was taken up.

Mr. Carson moved that Senate Bill No. 131 be informally passed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 170:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that Senate Bill No. 170 be informally passed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 190:

A bill to be entitled an act to validate, ratify, confirm and approve actions of County Commissioners in relation to the laying out, grading, constructing and paving, and meeting contracts in relation to the same, of paved, macadamized or rock public highways, roads and boulevards.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 190—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blitch, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Cril, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCasckill, McCreary, Mac Williams, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 7th, Wadsworth and Williams—27.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Broome and Wilson of 4th—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 132:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a penalty for selling liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sales, and to repeal Chapter 4746 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 2, A. D. 1899. The same being an act entitled an act to amend Section 2634 of Article 14, Chapter 7, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the selling of liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sales.

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. 132—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rogers, Sams, Wilson of 7th, Wadsworth and Williams—26.

Nays—Mr. Wilson of 4th—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 71:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection and preservation of food fishes, to prohibit the catching or taking of fish with seines or drag nets, and to prescribe the minimum length of bar and size of mesh or nets in the waters of the Indian River, the Banana River and Creek, the St. Lucie River and Sound and their tributaries, in the Counties of Brevard and Dade.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 71—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th, Wadsworth and Williams—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 88:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing the mode of procedure for the exercise of the powers of eminent domain by cities, towns, counties, corporations, public and private, and individuals.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 88—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th and Williams—25.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Blich 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 REPRESENTA-
 TIVES.

The following message from the House of Representa-
 tives was read:

House of Representatives,
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 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
 appointed—

Messrs. Raney of Leon, Davidson of Gadsden, McGiffin of
 Nassau a committee of conference on the part of the House,
 relative to Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 100, ap-
 pointing stenographers in Circuit Courts.

Very respectfully,
 WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 100, contained in the above message,
 as amended by the Senate, was read and referred to the Con-
 ference Committee of both houses thereon.

The following message from the House of Representatives
 was read:

House of Representatives,
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 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—

House Bill No. 149:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issue of bonds
 of the State of Florida for the purpose of redeeming and re-
 funding at a lower rate of interest the outstanding bonds of
 the State, and for the disposition of the bonds now held in the
 Sinking Funds.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate
 therein.

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

And House Bill No. 149, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 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. 181:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 3 of Chapter 4777, of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to keep in repair all public roads and highways and to open roads and bridges and to open new roads, and to condemn the right-of-way for same in the county of Brevard, State of Florida, and giving to said county certain rights and privileges, authorizing the levy of a special tax in each commissioner's district and providing the method by which said tax shall be levied and expended.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 181, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 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. 228:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Melrose, Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 228, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read.

House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 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. 123:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the burning of any wild woods, forests, prairie, marsh or any and all lands 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. 123, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 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. 168:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act approved May

27, A. D. 1899, and entitled an act to enable the City of Tallahassee to exercise the powers provided by Chapter 4600, of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to enable cities and towns to manufacture and distribute gas and electricity and to construct, purchase, 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 same as herein provided. Approved June 5, 1897. And to declare the manner in which such city may exercise such power, and also to authorize said city to locate, maintain and operate any part of any such plant without and adjacent or near to said city, and to acquire and hold land necessary for such purpose.

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

And House Bill No. 168, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 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. 96:

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

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 96, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 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. 54:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled "An act to authorize the county of Monroe to bond itself in the sum of \$500,000, for the purpose of constructing a public highway and necessary trestling and drawbridges to connect the island of Key West with Key Largo," approved May 25, 1895, being Chapter 4443 of the Laws of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 54, contained in the above message, referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 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. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act to revive, continue and extend the charter of the Ladies' Village Improvement Association of Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 2, 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., April 30, 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 receded from House Amendments to—

Senate Bill No. 70:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors and widows of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 70, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Law moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 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, Denham, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th, Wadsworth and Williams—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Monday's Journal was corrected to show that Senate Bill No. 189 was introduced by Mr. Crill instead of Mr. Crews.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.