

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1901.

The 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, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th and Williams—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Adams introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 27:

Whereas, the Secretary of the Senate, besides making up the Calendar, is also secretary of the executive session of this body, and thereby does a great deal of work not performed by any other secretary; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, for making up the Calendar alone pays the Chief Clerk and Assistant Chief Clerk thereof the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, be it

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be paid the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for making up the Calendar and for his duties as Secretary of the executive sessions of the Senate; and the Sergeant-at-Arms be, and hereby is, instructed in making up the pay-roll, to place the name of the Secretary for the above amount on the extra pay-roll of the Senate for the said amount of \$150.00.

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Governor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend Section 1458 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to appeal as a supersedeas.

Also,

An act for the relief of aged teachers.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2128 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the par value and payment of subscription to the capital stock of corporations for profit.

Also,

An act to prevent, suppress and punish the illegal sale of spirituous liquors, wines and beer in cities and towns.

Also,

Memorial to Congress relating to deepening and improving the pass at St. Andrews Bay, Florida.

Also,

Memorial to Congress relative to a light house at St. Andrews Bay, Florida.

Also,

An act to amend Sections one (1) and three (3) of Chapter 4777 of the laws of Florida, entitled "an act to keep in repair all public 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."

Also,

An act in relation to the use of bicycles on side paths, for licensing bicycles, for appointing side path commissioners, and for the construction, maintenance, regulation and preservation of side paths, by defining the powers and duties of said commissioners.

Also,

An act to amend Sections 7 and 9 of Chapter 4706, Laws of Florida, 1899, being an act to require railroad companies in the State of Florida to fence their track, 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 providing for the payment of attorney's fees and double damages for killing or injury to domestic live stock under certain conditions by companies refusing or neglecting to fence their roads as required.

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. Blitch, Chairman of the Committee on Mining and Phosphate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Mining and Phosphate, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 422:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3065 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to contracts for labor of State prisoners.

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

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 422, 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 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 208:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate \$20,000 to be used for the payment for the buildings, fumigating plants, wharves

and other property, including boats, of the Escambia County Board of Health, and to have title to the same confirmed in the State of Florida for the use of the State Board of Health.

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

Very respectfully,

B. F. KIRK,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 208, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend Section 1458 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to appeal as a supersedeas.

Also,

An act for the relief of aged teachers.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2128 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the par value and payment of subscription to the capital stock of corporations for profit.

Also,

An act to prevent, suppress and punish the illegal sale of spirituous liquors, wines and beer in cities and towns.

Also,

Memorial to Congress relating to deepening and improving the pass at St. Andrews Bay, Florida.

Also,

Memorial to Congress relative to a light house at St. Andrews Bay, Florida.

Also,

An act to amend Sections one (1) and three (3) of Chapter 4777 of the laws of Florida, entitled "an act to keep in repair all public roads and bridges and to open new roads, and to condemn the right of way for same in the county of Bre-

marked." "marked." vard, 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."

Also,

An act in relation to the use of bicycles on side paths, for licensing bicycles, for appointing side path commissioners, and for the construction, maintenance, regulation and preservation of side paths, by defining the powers and duties of said commissioners.

Also,

An act to amend Sections 7 and 9 of Chapter 4706, Laws of Florida, 1899, being an act to require railroad companies in the State of Florida to fence their track, 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 providing for the payment of attorney's fees and double damages for killing or injury to domestic live stock under certain conditions by companies refusing or neglecting to fence their roads as required.

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. Denham, Chairman of the Committee on Public Printing, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred—

The reports of the special committee to examine the offices, books and papers of the several departments,

Beg leave to report that they find among said reports. Exhibit 13:

A schedule of the contents of a safe referred to in the Governor's message under the head of "Bonds and Other Papers." We recommend that the contents of said safe as scheduled, be destroyed, and that the Governor, Attorney-General and Comptroller call in two citizens and that in the presence of

these first named witnesses, the bonds and other papers named in said schedule 13 be destroyed by burning.

Very respectfully,

JAS. S. DENHAM,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Denham moved the adoption of the above report.
Which was agreed to.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

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Also,

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Also,

An act to amend Section 2128 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the par value and payment of subscription to the capital stock of corporations for profit.

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An act in relation to the use of bicycles on side paths, for licensing bicycles, for appointing side path commissioners, and for the construction, maintenance, regulation and pre-

servation of side paths, by defining the powers and duties of said commissioners.

Also,

An act to amend Sections 7 and 9 of Chapter 4706, Laws of Florida, 1899, being an act to require railroad companies in the State of Florida to fence their track, 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 providing for the payment of attorney's fees and double damages for killing or injury to domestic live stock under certain conditions by companies refusing or neglecting to fence their roads as required.

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. N. PEACOCK,

Chairman of Committee.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to amend Section 1458 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to appeal as a supersedeas.

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An act for the relief of aged teachers.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2128 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the par value and payment of subscription to the capital stock of corporations for profit.

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Also,

An act to amend Sections 7 and 9 of Chapter 4706, Laws of Florida, 1899, being an act to require railroad companies in the State of Florida to fence their track, 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 providing for the payment of attorney's fees and double damages for killing or injury to domestic live stock under certain conditions by companies refusing or neglecting to fence their roads as required.

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.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Whidden asked that Mr. Wadsworth be excused from attendance to-day on account of sickness.

Mr. Wadsworth was excused.

Mr. Adams asked that Mr. Crill be excused from attendance to-day on account of business.

Mr. Crill was excused.

Mr. Adams asked that Mr. Crill be excused from attendance to-day on account of business.

Mr. Williams was excused.

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 Bill No. 100:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for completing the Tallahassee South Eastern Railway, and to preserve and continue the grant of lands heretofore made to aid in its construction.

Was taken up.

Mr. Myers moved that Senate Bill No. 100 be laid on table, subject to call.

which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 260:

A Bill to be entitled an act requiring the payment direct to the State Treasurer of all moneys due or to become due from the hire of State convicts, to be disbursed as the Legislature may hereafter direct.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 260 was informally passed.

House Bill No. 170:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the boundary lines of Manatee county.

Was taken up.

Mr. Blich moved that House Bill No. 170 be laid on table, subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 245:

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

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Joint Resolution No. 245, having previously been read a third time and placed back on second reading for amendment, be put upon its passage, which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. MacWilliams asked permission to amend Senate Joint Resolution No. 245 on third reading.

Which was granted.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 245:

Strike out the words "three thousand," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "two thousand five hundred," and the Secretary of the Senate is instructed to insert same in engrossed copy of resolution.

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the Secretary be authorized to make the change in the body of Senate Joint Resolution No.

245 to conform to the above amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And the change was made.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 245, as amended, the vote was—

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blicht, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 4th and Wilson of 7th—28.

Nays—None.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 245, having received the constitutional majority of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, passed, title as stated.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Joint Resolution No. 245 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and Senate Joint Resolution No. 245 was so certified.

Senate Bill No. 269:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 9, 10, 51 and 53 of Chapter 4322, of the Laws of Florida, approved June 1, 1895, being an act entitled "an act for the assessment and collection of revenue," and to amend Section 10 of Chapter 4515, of the Laws of Florida, approved June 5, 1897, being an act entitled "an act to amend Sections 29, 32, 35, 47, 48, 50, 66 and 67 of Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, entitled "an act for the assessment and collection of revenue," and to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4663 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 2, 1899, being an act entitled "an act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 4322 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act entitled "an act for the assessment and collection of revenue."

Was taken up.

Mr. Rogers moved that further consideration of Senate Bill No. 269 be deferred until Monday, May 27, and be made a special order at 10.15 o'clock a. m.

Which was agreed to.

The following communication from the Governor was taken up:

State of Florida, Executive Department,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Dear Sir—In obedience to Chapter 4849, Laws of Florida,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of State Expert Agents appointed thereunder to examine the Tax Sale Redemption Department of the Comptroller's office, which has just been completed and filed in my office giving in detail the result of such examination.

I have the honor to remain with much respect,
Very respectfully.

W. S. JENNINGS,

Governor.

Mr. Harris moved that the above message be spread on the Journal and 200 copies of accompanying report printed in pamphlet form.

Which was agreed to.

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

State of Florida, Executive Department,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Dear Sir—I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and signed the following acts, and have caused the same to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the State:

An act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Lake City, in the county of Columbia, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Lake City, and to define its territorial boundary, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges.

Also,

An act authorizing the town of Leesburg to appropriate money for the securing of evidence against persons selling intoxicating liquors, wine or beer in said town.

Also,

An act to provide for the issue of bonds by the town of Chipley for the construction of water works and a public school building, and providing for the payment of the interest on and the principal of such bonds.

Also,

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.

Also,

An act to amend Section 1821 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to inheritance from infants.

Also,

An act to provide for the inspection and analysis of and to regulate the sale of commercial fertilizers, manurial chemicals, cottonseed 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, cottonseed 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, cottonseed meal, tobacco stems, tobacco dust or tobacco meal, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act.

Also,

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4493, Laws of Florida, entitled an act supplementary to an act entitled an act establish the municipality of Key West; provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, approved May 16, 1889, and to extend the powers of said municipality.

Very respectfully,

W. S. JENNINGS,

Governor.

The Senate resumed consideration of

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 268:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the control and management of insolvent banking companies, organized under the Laws of the State of Florida, and for the appointment of receivers therefor, and for placing any such banking company temporarily in the hands of a bank examiner.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 268 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. 268 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 294:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 4698, Laws of Florida, entitled "an act to provide for the ap-

pointment of a State Board of Medical Examiners of the Eclectic School of Medicine, and to prescribe the qualifications, duties and powers of said Board."

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of 11th (Mr. Crill in the chair) moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 294 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and Senate Bill No. 294 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Palmer of 11th (Mr. Crill in the chair) moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 294 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote

And House Bill No. 294 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, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crill, Denham, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th and Williams—21.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 294 passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 187:

A bill to be entitled an act to promote good roads, declaring how they shall be constructed, making them systems of internal improvement and drainage, authorizing county commissioners to redeem land sold for taxes, and purchase said lands advertised and sold for taxes, and hold and dispose of same solely in the interest of public thoroughfares in their respective counties.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 187 was informally passed.

Mr. Blich moved that the rules be waived and the Senate take up and consider messages from the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote

And the Senate proceeded to consider—

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 430:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect employes in the matter of contract for wages, and against extortion and other abuses by employers.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 430, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Organized Labor.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 289:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 970 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the disqualification of judges.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 289, contained in the above message,

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

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 319:

A bill to be entitled an act to grant to the DeSoto, Lee and Gulf Railway Company an extension of time to commence work.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 319, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 151:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 47, Chapter 4328 of the Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1895, entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of this State, and to provide for general and special elections and for the returns of elections.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 151, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 314:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Sections 244 and 245 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, Chapters 4194 and 4197, Session Laws of 1893, Chapters 4336 and 4337, Session Laws of 1895, relating to school sub-districts and the levying of school district tax.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 314, 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 23, 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. 223:

A bill to be entitled an act allowing all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables and police officers to have and carry weapons upon their person concealed or otherwise without giving a bond.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 223, contained in the above message was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 256:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for counties in the State of Florida to acquire ownership and dispose of lands and other property that may be sold under judgment and execution in certain cases.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 256, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 338:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the taking of oysters from the waters of St. Andrews Bay and its tributaries with intent to ship the same to any other port or place by boat or vessel and to prohibit the shipping of oysters so gathered.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 238, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 279:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of an act entitled an act to prevent the cutting or removing of any timber from any lands heretofore or that may hereafter be sold for taxes, the same being Chapter 4416, Laws of Florida, approved June 1, 1895.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

And House Bill No. 279, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 312:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for commencing and completing the Sanibel Island Railway, incorporated May 27, 1897, under the title of Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 312, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 327:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4755, Laws of Florida, the same being an act to prevent damage by phosphate works.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 327, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Mining and Phosphate.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 61:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to amend Section 260 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, entitled census by supervisors, and Section 261 of the Revised Statutes, entitled on failure of supervisors' superin-

tendent to take census, being Chapter 4679, Laws of Florida, approved June 1, 1889.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 61, 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:

Also,

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 198:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of birds and their nests and eggs, and prescribing a penalty for any violation thereof.

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

And Senate Bill No. 198, 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 23, 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. 140:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring teachers' summer schools and making appropriations therefor.

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

And Senate Bill No. 140, 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 23, 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. 160:

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

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

And Senate Bill No. 160, 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 24, 1901.

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. 214:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Arcadia, in the county of De Soto, 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.

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

And Senate Bill No. 214, 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 23, 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. 157:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish scholarships in the State Normal School, at DeFuniak Springs, and to make appropriation therefor.

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

And Senate Bill No. 157, 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 24, 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. 232:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 875 and 877 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relative to fences.

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

And Senate Bill No. 232, 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 23, 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 Substitute for—
House Bill No. 105:

A bill to be entitled an act to compel owners of barb wire fences to keep them in repair, and in default thereof to provide for the sale of the same, and the disposition of the proceeds.

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

And Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 105, 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 23, 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. 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 23, 1893, and amended June 2, 1899.

With the following House amendments to Senate Bill No. 199:

In line 9, Section 2, after the word "councilmen," add "and other city officers."

In Section 2, strike out the words "second Tuesday in August" wherever they occur in said Section, and substitute the words "first Tuesday in November."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

Mr. Blitch moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments to Senate Bill No. 199.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 199, contained in the above message, as

amended by the House of Representatives, and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 229:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the purchase by the State Board of Education of the grounds, buildings and property of the South Florida Military and Educational Institute, and for the enlargement of the barracks and laboratory, and to provide for heating the building when purchased.

With the following House amendments thereto:

Strike out the words "seven thousand, five hundred and ninety-seven," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "six thousand."

Add to Section 1 the following: "Provided that no money shall be paid for said grounds, buildings and property until the title of the same shall be approved by the Attorney-General."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments to Senate Bill No. 229.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 229, contained in the above message, as amended by the House of Representatives, and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Consideration of bills on second reading was resumed.

Senate Bill No. 272:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2134 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to returns of corporation stock and stockholders to the Comptroller, and to repeal Section 2136 of the Revised Statutes of the State of

Florida, providing for filing stock statements with the Comptroller.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the following committee amendment:

In the third line of Section 1, after the figures "2134," add the words "returns of stock and stockholders."

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 272, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 278:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1395 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the compensation of clerks of the Circuit Courts as clerks of the Boards of County Commissioners.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Wilson of 4th offered a substitute for Senate Bill No. 278 with the following title:

Senate Substitute for—

Senate Bill No. 278:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1395 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the compensation of clerks of the Circuit Courts as clerks of the Boards of County Commissioners.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wilson of 4th moved the adoption of the Substitute for Senate Bill No. 278.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson of 4th moved that the rules be waived and Substitute for Senate Bill No. 278 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Substitute for Senate Bill No. 278 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th moved that the rules be further waived and that Substitute for Senate Bill No. 278 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Substitute for Senate Bill No. 278 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Broome, Carson, Crews, Crill, Denham, Harris, Kirk, Law, Myers, McCaskill,

McCreary, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rogers, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 4th, and Wilson of 7th—23.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell and Palmer of 14th—2.

So Substitute for Senate Bill No. 278 passed, title as stated.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 279, now on third reading, be taken up out of its order and considered.

Mr. Harris withdrew the motion.

Consideration of bills on second reading was resumed.

Senate Bill No. 263:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the effectual and vigorous prosecution of the offenses of carrying arms secretly.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 263 was informally passed.

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 to authorize the several Boards of County Commissioners for each and every county in the State of Florida to adopt such rules and regulations as they may deem expedient for the preservation and protection of wild game in their respective counties, and to fix fines and penalties for violating the same.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Kirk offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 193:

At the end of Section 1, after the word "time," insert: "It shall be unlawful at any time to sell the skins of deer, either raw, dressed or tanned, or wild turkey or quail, and any person violating this provision shall be punished as provided in Section 4 of this act.

Mr. Kirk moved the adoption of the amendment.

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

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 94:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 3 and 5 of Chapter 4048, Laws of Florida, approved June 12, 1891, entitled "an act to regulate the inspection and sale of beef and to repeal Chapter 3613, Laws of Florida, approved Feb. 16, 1885, also Chapter 3897, Laws of Florida, approved May 31, 1889."

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Peacock offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 94:

Strike out the word "all" after the word "not" in line 5, and down to the word "man," in line 7, in Section 3.

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which—

Mr. Sams moved that further consideration of House Bill No. 94 be informally passed, remain on second reading, and be made a special order for Monday, May 27, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Which was agreed to:

House Bill No. 232:

A bill to be entitled an act to require separate assessments of the property of white and colored tax-payers, to require separate returns of all taxes paid by the same, and to require the Comptroller to exhibit the same in his report.

Was taken up.

Mr. Rogers moved that House Bill No. 232 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 295:

A bill to be entitled an act to obtain a more perfect system of enrolling names of tax-payers by tax assessors.

Was taken up.

Mr. Rogers moved that House Bill No. 295 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 285:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2123 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the method of incorporating corporations for profit.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 285 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. 285 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 265:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the surrender and cancellation of certain tax certificates now held by the State of Florida, which have been declared illegal by the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, being for the unpaid taxes of the year 1890, which were sold after August 4, 1891.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And House Bill No. 265 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 280:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 4322 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved June 1, 1895.

Was taken up.

Mr. O'Brien asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 280:

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 280 was withdrawn.

House Bill No. 12:

A bill to be entitled an act limiting the time in which elections held under Article 19 of the Constitution may be contested.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Wilson of 7th offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 12:

Strike out the word "three," in line 8, Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "twelve."

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson of 7th offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 12:

Strike out the word "three," in line 5, Section 2, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "twelve."

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Law offered the following amendment to the amendment to House Bill No. 12:

Strike out the word "twelve" in the amendment, Section 2, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "six."

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Law moved the adoption of the amendment as amended.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 12, as amended, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 235:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issuing of certificates by the Cattle Inspectors mentioned in Chapter 4048, Laws of Florida, approved June 12, 1891, to butchers, sellers or peddlers of butchered beef, and to provide penalties for failure to exhibit such certificates.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Butler offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 235:

After Section 3, add the following:

"Section 4. Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed so as to prohibit any person from killing or butchering his or her own cattle for his or her own use without inspection. And it is provided further, that any person may kill, butcher and sell his or her own cattle without the inspection by an inspector, when such inspection is impossible or impracticable by displaying to the purchaser of such beef, at the time of sale, the hide and ear of the butchered beef and causing said purchaser to inspect said hide and ears, and to take in writing a description of the marks and brands of said hide and ears, with the date of said inspection. And it shall be the duty of the purchaser to so inspect such beef and to display the written memorandum of such inspection, as is provided for the display of certificates in Section 1 of this act, and to report same to the nearest inspector within thirty days after such inspection. Any butcher, seller, or purchaser violating the provisions of this Section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceedd \$100.00 or imprisonment in the county jail not longer than thirty days, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Nothing in this Section shall apply to incorporated cities and towns.

Mr. Butler moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Law offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 235:

Strike out the enacting clause.

Mr. Law moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 235 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. 235 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to protect contractors, mechanics, laborers and material men and to provide for the summary collection of moneys due them for wages or materials 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 3d, 1893.

Also,

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to authorize the city of Palatka to borrow money by issuing bonds for waterworks and a system of sewerage, approved May 29th, 1897, being Chapter 4645 of the Laws of Florida.

Also,

An act authorizing the County of Marion alone, or in conjunction with any adjoining county, to construct bridges across the Withlacoochee river, and Ocklawaha river for public use.

Also,

An act declaring the town of Montbrook, in the County of Levy, State of Florida, to be a legally incorporated town.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2196 of Article 3, Sub-Chapter I, Title 3, Part 4, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, regulating the capital stock of banking companies.

Also,

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Jennings in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Jennings valid and of full force and effect.

Also,

An act as to the incorporation of social clubs or societies not for profit.

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

Very respectfully,

J. M. N. PEACOCK,

Chairman of Committee.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to protect contractors, mechanics, laborers and material men and to provide for the summary collection of moneys due them for wages or materials 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 3d, 1893.

Also,

An act authorizing the County of Marion alone, or in conjunction with any adjoining county, to construct bridges across the Withlacoochee river, and Ocklawaha river for public use.

Also,

An act declaring the town of Montbrook, in the County of Levy, State of Florida, to be a legally incorporated town.

Also,

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Jennings in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Jennings valid and of full force and effect.

Also,

An act as to the incorporation of social clubs or societies not for profit.

Also,

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to authorize the city of Palatka to borrow money by issuing bonds for waterworks and a system of sewerage, approved May 29th, 1897, being Chapter 4645 of the Laws of Florida.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2196 of Article 3, Sub-Chapter 1, Title 3, Part 4, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, regulating the capital stock of banking companies.

The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

The Senate resumed consideration of bills on second reading

House Bill No. 178:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the construction of bridges across navigable streams by the owners of lands on either side of such stream, and to prescribe a penalty for injuring or destroying such bridges.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 178 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 99:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a standard of weights and measures of the State of Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 99 was informally passed.

House Bill No. 302:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the skinning of dead animals, such as cattle, sheep and goats without consent of the owner.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 302 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 94:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2138 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to officers, choice, term and number.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 94 was informally passed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 157:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal all laws relative to fences on the Island of Sanibel, Lee county, Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 157 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 284:

A bill to be entitled an act amending Sections 1 and 18 of an act entitled an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to establish the municipality of Jacksonville, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, approved May 31, 1887, and to extend the powers of the government of said municipality, approved June 2, 1893.

Was taken up.

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 284 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 284 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Rogers offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 284:

After the word "decree," in the eighth line from the bottom of Section 2, insert the following: "Provided, however,

that no sale of property for taxes shall be valid or effectual against any person having any interest in such property in any case where the taxes thereon have been in fact paid, and such person has not been personally served with subpoena in such suit."

Mr. Rogers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 284, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 304:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the construction of sewers in the town of *St. Petersburg*, the repair and maintenance thereof, and for assessments against abutting property and the enforcement and collection thereof.

Was taken up.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 304 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 304 was read a second time by its title only.

And House Bill No. 304 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend Section 1458 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to appeal as a supersedeas.

Also,

An act for the relief of aged teachers.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2128 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the par value and payment of subscription to the capital stock of corporations for profit.

Also,

An act to prevent, suppress and punish the illegal sale of spirituous liquors, wines and beer in cities and towns.

Also,

Memorial to Congress relating to deepening and improving the pass at *St. Andrews Bay, Florida*.

Also,
Memorial to Congress relative to a light house at St. Andrews Bay, Florida.

Also,

An act to amend Sections one (1) and three (3) of Chapter 4777 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "an act to keep in repair all public 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."

Also,

An act in relation to the use of bicycles on side paths, for licensing bicycles, for appointing side path commissioners, and for the construction, maintenance, regulation and preservation of side paths, by defining the powers and duties of said commissioners.

Also,

An act to amend Sections 7 and 9 of Chapter 4706, Laws of Florida, 1899, being an act to require railroad companies in the State of Florida to fence their track, 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 providing for the payment of attorney's fees and double damages for killing or injury to domestic live stock under certain conditions by companies refusing or neglecting to fence their roads as required.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to protect contractors, mechanics, laborers and material men and to provide for the summary collection of moneys due them for wages or materials 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 3d, 1893.

Also,

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to authorize the city of Palatka to borrow money by issuing bonds for waterworks and a system of sewerage, approved May 29th, 1897, being Chapter 4645 of the Laws of Florida.

Also,

An act authorizing the County of Marion alone, or in conjunction with any adjoining county, to construct bridges across the Withlacoochee river, and Ocklawaha river for public use.

Also,

An act declaring the town of Montbrook, in the County of Levy, State of Florida, to be a legally incorporated town.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2196 of Article 3, Sub-chapter 1, Title 3, Part 4, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, regulating the capital stock of banking companies.

Also,

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Jennings in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Jennings valid and of full force and effect.

Also,

An act as to the incorporation of social clubs or societies not for profit.

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. MacWilliams moved to adjourn until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The 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, Blicht, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 7th and Williams—30.

A quorum present.

A message was received from the Governor.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 272:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2134 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to returns of corporation stock and stockholders to the Comptroller, and to repeal Section 2136 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, providing for filing stock statements with the Comptroller.

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

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

State of Florida, Executive Department,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that I have signed the following act which originated from your honorable body, and I have caused the same to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the State:

"An act to provide for the enlargement and repair of the Capitol building, and making an appropriation for such purpose."

Very respectfully,

W. S. JENNINGS,

Governor.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 284:

A bill to be entitled an act amending Sections 1 and 18 of an act entitled an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to establish the municipality of Jacksonville, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, approved May 31, 1887, and to extend the powers of the government of said municipality, approved June 2, 1893.

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

Very respectfully,

B. F. KIRK,

Chairman of Committee.

and Senate Bill No. 284, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 286:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4797 of the Laws of Florida, approved May 22, 1899, the same being an act to prohibit the catching and taking of fish from the fresh water streams and lakes of Calhoun county, State of Florida, in the months of April and May of each year."

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

Very respectfully,

F. W. SAMS,

Chairman of Committee

And House Bill No. 286, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 267:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect sea turtle and their eggs.

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

Very respectfully,

F. W. SAMS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 267, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Railroads to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 319:

A bill to be entitled an act to grant to the DeSoto, Lee and Gulf Railway Company an extension of time to commence work.

Also,

House Bill No. 312:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for commencing and completing the Sanibel Island Railroad, incorporated May 27, 1897, under the title of Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

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

Very respectfully,
ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bills Nos. 319 and 312, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Organized Labor, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer:

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Organized Labor, to whom was referred—

House Bil No. 207:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize cities 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 license, 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 considered the same, and recommend it do pass.

Very Respectfully,
ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,
Chairman of Committee.

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

By permission—

Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Organized Labor, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Organized Labor, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 430:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect employes in the matter of contract for wages, and against extortion and other abuses by employers.

Have carefully considered the same, and recommend it do pass with the following amendments:

After the word "corporation," on line 3 of Section 1, insert the following: "other than city or county."

After the word "corporation" on lines 2 and 3 of Section 2, insert the following: "other than city or county."

After the word "or," on line 5, Section 4, insert the following: "officers of."

Very respectfully,
ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 430, contained in the above report, together with the amendments thereto, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Special Committee (on the part of the Senate) to visit the State Reform School at Marianna, Florida, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee appointed under provisions of House Concurrent Resoution No. 8 to visit the "State Reform School" at Marianna, Fla., having performed the duty assigned them, respectfully submit the following report:

Arriving at Marianna before sunset, the School was immediately inspected; the intention of the Committee in this respect being entirely unknown to the Superintendent, and other officials of the institution. Your Committee does not

think it necessary to enter into a description of the buildings, their construction and location, as such of these points is clearly and minutely stated in the First Biennial Report of the President of the Board of Managers, Hon. W. H. Milton, and the Superintendent, Mr. Walter Rawls, and would be but a repetition of facts which have already been placed before you in another document and form.

Your Committee found the buildings, both of the white and colored departments, neatly and tidily kept, and considering the newness of the Institution much has been done by the Superintendent towards tastily adorning the grounds, and securing a yield from the farm, in such articles and quantities, as the force at his command and under his control would permit.

Your Committee considers the buildings adequate to the present demands of accommodation of inmates, and quite large enough for any possible requirements in this particular for many years to come, and your Committee cannot fail to express their admiration for the judgment and excellent good taste displayed by those who selected the site upon which the buildings are erected; a prettier acreage it would be difficult to find with its lotty, graceful pines, on high rolling ground, and a soil presenting evidences of easy cultivation and an abundant yield. Your Committee, however, questions the wisdom of the law which compelled the construction and erection of the two buildings at a distance of half a mile apart, for the reason that such a separation necessarily entails an expense in doubling the number of matrons and other employees and guards, and a total and complete separation of the whites from the colored inmates could have, in the opinion of your Committee, been as easily and perfectly secured by a brick wall of sufficient thickness and height, dividing the enclosures, allotted to each institution.

The Colored School was first visited; where your Committee found nineteen males and one female. Seven of the boys were under ten years of age, as near as your Committee could learn from questioning them, and the remainder from ten to eighteen years. Two of the large boys were committed for assault to commit murder, and for manslaughter, the others for various degrees of theft and for breaking window glass. The commitment for the girl who is under ten years of age, was noted as "entering to commit a misdemeanor." In an exhibit attached to this report marked "A," is attached in tabular form the names of the inmates of the colored school with county from which committed, together with cause of commitment, and length of the same.

The inmates of this school had every appearance of health and of being well treated.

At the White Reform School, there were but two inmates, both males. One of these was committed on the request of his mother, and the other for larceny of over the value of \$20.00.

These boys had appearance of good health and of being well treated. Your Committee happening at the Institutions about the supper meal was given an opportunity of inspecting the food, which was found to be well cooked, though plain, and sufficient for the needs of the growing subject. The water supply though ample is not, or does not present an appearance of healthful or wholesome drinking water, and therefore your Committee suggests that the State Chemist should visit this Institution and analyze the water, with the view of determining its fitness for potable purposes.

The two schools are entirely without fire protection of any kind or description, and it is to be regretted that when the buildings were constructed, that the stairways were not made wider, and both stairs and all partitions constructed from non-combustible material. No provision seems to have been contemplated, certainly none was presented for bathing of the inmates. This requirement, among boys compelled to do manual labor particularly, your Committee deems as essentially needful to health and should be daily exacted except in case of sickness or when an excuse or exemption is made by the physician of the Institution.

The dormitories of both Institutions, or more properly speaking both schools, as it is but one Institution, were neat in appearance, and comfortable in their appointments, the same can be said of the table furniture and appurtenances.

Your Committee refrain from making any recommendations other than in regard to the water supply, and noting the inefficiency of fire protection, or indulging in any criticisms of the Institution for the reason that the schools have not been in operation sufficiently long to demonstrate whether they will prove of benefit to the young criminals and refractory youth of the State, and are likely to do that for which the Legislature, through their Representatives designed them, viz: reformation of ill-habits and making good citizens when they shall have reached their majority.

Your Committee is of the opinion that to accomplish any good, or to be of any moral benefit to the young criminals of the State the method to be pursued should be that of schooling, with labor as a sanitary and as much as possible self-supporting measure, and by schooling, is meant a systematic teaching of the boys and girls in industrial methods, by which

they can gain an honest livelihood when their period of detention shall have finished. Again, your Committee is of the opinion that the period of detention should be determined by the Superintendent of the Institution, who is the proper person to decide whether the particular boy or girl can with safety to the State, or justice to the individual be liberated from the Institution.

The expense of maintaining the Institution as taken from the Superintendent's books is herewith submitted, for the period from January to April, 1901.

Very respectfully,
 F. W. SAMS, Chairman.
 (On the part of the Senate.)
 JOSEPH Y. PORTER,
 FRANK McRAE,
 (On the part of the House).

COLORED SCHOOL.

EXHIBIT "A."

Richard Rivers, Duval County, male, negro, grand larceny, three commitments, six years.

Charles Davis, Duval County, negro, second larceny, four years.

James Monroe, Lake County, male, negro, breaking and entering, three years.

Victor Hernandez, Escambia County, male, negro, petit larceny, two years.

Gertie Simmons, Duval County, male, negro, grand larceny, has already served a sentence of six months and released, four years.

Jim Porter, Duval County, male, negro, assault with intent to murder, three years.

Will Moore, Escambia County, male, negro, injuring dwelling houses, four years.

Will Truman, Escambia County, male, negro, injuring houses, four years.

John Johnson, Escambia, male, negro, injuring dwelling houses, four years.

William Bell, Orange County, male, negro, turning railroad switch, four years.

Alie Kirkland, Duval County, male, negro, grand larceny, 2 commitments, five years.

Harry Cozens, Duval County, male, negro, robbery, three years.

Ben Cozens, Duval County, male, negro, breaking and entering, four years.

Clarence Moore, Escambia, male, negro, petit larceny, two years.

Son Wallace, Duval County, male, negro, charge murder, plead guilty to manslaughter, one year.

Jce Harrison, Gadsden County, male, negro, breaking and entering, one year.

Lewis Foster, Duval County, male, negro, grand larceny, fifteen months.

Will Stephens, Santa Rosa County, male, negro, larceny, second offense, three years.

Estelle Washington, Duval County, female, negress, entering to commit a misdemeanor, one year.

(This girl is about nine years old, and Superintendent reports that a week after her commitment, the physician of the Institution reported that she had developed both syphilis and gonorrhoea.)

WHITE SCHOOL.

EXHIBIT "B."

Frank Jones, Duval County, male, white, petition of mother, four years.

Tom Lee, Dade County, male, white, larceny over \$20.00, two years.

EXHIBIT "C."

Total expenses of "Reform School" per month during January, February, March and April:

Jan. Supplies, including plows, etc., two mules,		
\$200.00, meat, \$212 34..	\$	577 78
Jan. Salaries..		173 33
		751 11
Feb. Supplies..	\$	51 78
Feb. Salaries..		173 33
	\$	225.11
Mch. Supplies..		61 05
Mch. Salaries....		173 34
		234 49

Apr. Supplies	62 86	
Apr. Salaries	173 33	236 19
		\$1,046 90

Also about \$50.00 for corn used since June 1st and paid for in December.

Have about 1,200 pounds of meat yet on hand.

The report was ordered spread upon the Journal.

By permission—

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Special Committee (on the part of the Senate) to visit the State Hospital for the Insane, under House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, submitted the following report

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee appointed under the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, to visit the State Hospital for the Insane having performed the duty assigned them, beg permission to respectfully submit the following report:

Your Committee was met at the Chattahoochee Railroad Station by Dr. Louis deM. Blocker, the physician to the Hospital, who courteously and comfortably conducted us to the grounds, where, in the absence of the Superintendent, who was temporarily away, owing to the serious and dangerous sickness of his mother, every attention and facility was offered in making a thorough and careful inspection of the buildings, the care of the patients, and other matters in connection with the general purport of the visit.

Your Committee, upon due inquiry, finds that the development of the Institution during the past ten years, has been one of remarkable growth, and that from a condition devoid of system, and lacking in almost every detail of comfort and safety, for the unfortunate patients confined therein, it has been brought up to a fine state of efficiency and can, by proper nurture and support on the part of the State, be made a credit and honor to the humane, and charitable thought of a great and growing commonwealth. Your Committee, in view of the afflicted inmates, was saddened beyond the power of expressing to you or the body which it represents, and considers that this Institution appeals strongly to every tender sentiment,

and holy attribute contained in the human heart, and is deserving of the fullest measure of financial charity which the State can possibly expend.

The Institution is situated on the eastern banks of the Chattahoochee river, in a high and well wooded section of Gadsden county, and is about three miles from the railroad station. Your Committee is informed that the original buildings were formerly the property of the United States Government, and prior to the civil war, in the sixties, was used as a United States arsenal. After the war the property was given to the State, and was used as a penitentiary, but when the lease system for convicts was adopted, the buildings were somewhat remodeled, though imperfectly, and transformed into an Asylum for the Insane—a charity of the State for the indigent of that most unfortunate class of the State's citizenship.

The property has been greatly improved during the past ten years, during which it has been the privilege of one member of your Committee to have had an intimate knowledge of the transactions, and beneficial advancement projected, and perfected, towards bettering the means at command and in taking advantage of every opportunity to afford more room and to make more comfortable and happy the patients restrained therein. Notwithstanding, as impressed upon your Committee what has been done in the past, and the superior condition of to-day over that of ten years ago, yet your Committee sees that a great deal still remains to bring the institution to a grade which will compare favorably with similar institutions in other States, and with the advanced ideas of mental alienists of scientific attainments. Through the buildings your Committee notes the inadequate water supply as affecting fire protection, and the too small size of the water mains through the grounds. In the opinion of your Committee the sanitary plumbing of the buildings is defective, and should be immediately attended to. Each water closet apartment should be well trapped, with roof vent, and the bowls should have comfortable wooden seats.

Your Committee notes with horror in the old buildings and too much in evidence in the recently erected structures the wooden partitions, doors, narrow wooden stairs, and the too much in general use of wood in the finishings of the interior of the buildings. Considered in connection with the defective fire protection, it can be understood that it would be possible to have a conflagration most destructive to life and property, with but imperfect means of escape, and inadequate facilities for control. Your Committee is of the opinion that

only brick, mortar and iron are suitable materials for interior finishings in all institutions where the mentally infirm and physically afflicted are restrained; a proposition which might also apply to all institutions where persons are confined against their will or wish. It is thought that it would be far safer to the life of the restrained individual to have wooden shell buildings but equipped interiorly with fire-proof material and with fire-proof roofs.

Your Committee is also of the opinion that the power house of the institution is located too close to the ward buildings, and that the roof of this building should be of some non-inflammable material, certainly not of wooden shingles. The same opinion is expressed in regard to the boiler and engine room which operates the steam laundry. This latter is also too near to the wards, and is dangerous in its construction as regards fire liability.

Your Committee is of the opinion that large and comfortably fitted pavilions would conduce much to the health and pleasure of the patients of both races and sexes, and should be erected in each recreation enclosure. An effort in this direction is noticed, but the structures are rude in design, and not well or adequately equipped. It is learned that want of funds for this purpose, as well as for very many other necessary and needful aims of the institution has prevented the accomplishment of a great many contemplated improvements intended and hoped for, in looking to the comfort and convenience and happiness of this unfortunate class.

Your Committee is decidedly of the opinion that a hospital should be erected as speedily as possible for treatment of casual infirmities, ordinary sickness to which the insane are as liable and more so than the general run of humanity. Besides accidents are liable to occur and operations needed to be performed for the relief of certain disorders from which the patients have suffered prior to admission to the institution. At present, patients ill from any cause must be treated in their rooms, which necessitates extra care from attendants, and is not conducive to the best treatment of the patient, or the speedy and beneficial results which are obtained in ward practice of a hospital. Your Committee would impress the necessity of this addition to the institution, and that it should be equipped with modern appliances, and should be constructed on thorough sanitary principles.

Your Committee notes that the stable for horses and mules is located in one of the old brick structures, and almost beneath the nostrils of the officials and patients. The flies, tents and officers, are dangerous to health, and are a sanitary

nuisance. As a nuisance, the building should be abandoned, and the stock removed elsewhere on the grounds. Your Committee notes the absence of proper bathing facilities for patients, and believing that as conducive to health the inmates should be forced to bathe frequently, your Committee urges the necessity for sufficient bath tubs and appliances.

Your Committee carefully as the limited time at its disposal would permit, thoroughly inspected the patients, both while in wards and at recreation, and are satisfied that their physical condition is as fair as the mental condition of each can be expected. It is an accepted fact in medicine, that if the mind is diseased the various organs of the body suffer to a more or less degree. There was no evidence of ill treatment to any patient, or any exhibition of impatience shown in caring for the afflicted ones, and your Committee believes that every humane device has been adopted by which the violent will be prevented from doing harm to themselves and others and that gentleness and Christian charity is at all times exercised and insisted upon by the Superintendent, Physician and other officials connected with the institution. Healthful and pleasant occupation is offered as a means of employing and diverting the mind, but is never insisted upon if the patient refuses or shows any inclination to adopt the suggestion.

Your Committee learns by reading the bi-ennial report of the Superintendent for the years 1899 and 1900, that the total number of admissions to the institution from 1894 to and inclusive of 1900 have been 1,216, and of that number committed there have been 86 epileptics, 51 idiots and 13 who were not insane.

At the date of your Committee's visit, there were 30 epileptics, 32 imbeciles, 19 idiots and 20 senile patients. Your Committee submits that epileptics, idiots, feeble minded from senility and partly deformed children are not and should not be a charge to the State's charity for care and treatment of the insane, and your Committee suggests legislation on that line.

Your Committee suggests that the present postal laws governing the correspondence from the institution on the part of patients should be amended to require all correspondence to be left unsealed for inspection by the Superintendent before mailing, and should a misstatement be made or any unsightly and unseemly language be contained in the letter, either a foot note of explanation should be written or the letter returned to the writer for correction or to be re-written.

Your Committee further suggests the propriety of permitting the Superintendent authority to grant to friends or rela-

tives permission to remove from the hospital on trial or furlough, at their expense, any harmless patient whom he thinks it will benefit; provided the friend or relatives give a good and efficient bond, the amount of which is to be named by the Superintendent, for good care and treatment of the said patient. The patient on furlough, if necessary, can be returned at any time within twelve months from the beginning of said patient's leave of absence, or must be returned if requested by the Superintendent in the meantime.

Your Committee also requests that the sheriffs of each county should make application to the Superintendent for the admission of each patient sending commitment and all other papers, together with certificate of exemption from epidemic contagious diseases, for the information of the Superintendent. It is learned that under the present system, the Superintendent has no actual knowledge of the patient's condition until arrival at the institution. The sheriff merely notifies the Superintendent to send for a patient without acquainting him with any of the facts relating to the patient's condition.

If the above suggestion is placed in operation, the Superintendent can inform the sheriff if the patient can be admitted under the law, and if so when the patient will be sent for.

Your Committee strongly insists that no one should be committed or admitted to the institution for the care of the insane in this State who is under ten years of age or over ninety, or is a harmless idiot or an imbecile.

Your Committee further makes the suggestion that the law should be so amended that the Superintendent, Physician and all other regular employees of the Hospital for the Insane shall be exempt from military duty, jury duty, road tax and liability to work the public roads of the State.

Your Committee further suggests that the Board of State Institutions shall have authority to appoint or employ one or more suitable persons to act as police officers, to arrest intruders, trespassers and persons guilty of improper or disorderly conduct when trespassing upon the grounds of the institution. These officers to have the authority of deputy sheriffs to eject trespassers from the hospital grounds, buildings or lands, bringing said offenders before the county judge of the county in which the offense was committed or before a justice of the peace in such district.

In conclusion, your Committee is of the opinion that the laws and statutes governing the commitment of the insane in this State need revision, and that a more detailed report of the necessities of the institution should be submitted to the

next Legislature, and to accomplish this purpose, which your Committee believes to be for the good of the patients and the reputation and honor of the State, your Committee presents a Joint Resolution for the consideration of the Senate and House of Representatives on this subject.

In various exhibits which are attached to this report, your Committee presents statistical tables which are instructive and entertaining.

Your Committee cannot conclude this report on the State Insane Hospital without commenting in this public manner the earnest work of both Superintendent and Physician which the State Board of State Institutions have selected for this most onerous and difficult work; a work fraught with danger, and demanding the most careful exercise of discretion and good judgment, a duty which your Committee feels has been most earnestly and zealously performed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. W. SAMS,

Chairman;

(On the part of the Senate)

JOSEPH E. PORTER,

FRANK McRAE

(On part of the House).

MONTHS 1901	DISCHARGED.																									RESIDENT																						
	ADMITTED					RECOVERED					IMPROVED					UNIMPROVED					DIED								FURLOUGHED					IDIOTIC					ESCAPED					TOTALS				
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January.....	12	6	4	3	25	2	2	1		5	1	1			1	1	1	1		3	2																			178	168	125	111	582				
February.....	6	4	3	2	20						1	1			1	1				3	3	1	3	3	1		3	1													10	186	173	129	111	599		
March.....	4	4	4	4	16	1	2	2	1	6		1			1						1																					18	189	172	128	118	602	
April.....	7	7	3	2	25	4	1			5	1				1						1																						12	190	178	136	111	615

	White		Colored		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Actual No. Patients in Hospital January 1st.....	178	168	125	111	582
Number Patients on Furlough.....	7	12	.....	4	23
Total No. belonging to Hospital.....	185	180	125	115	605
Actual No. Patients in Hospital May 1st.....	190	178	136	111	615
Furloughed Patients discharged April 8th.....	6	12	.....	4	22
All Patients died, discharged, escaped and furloughed since January 1, 1901.....	24	23	14	15	76
Admitted since January 1, 1901.....	29	21	25	11	86
Discharged Normal Mental Condition.....	13	17	3	5	38
Discharged Improved.....	2	2	.....	.....	4
Discharged Unimproved.....	1	1	.....	1	3
Died.....	6	2	9	9	26
Eoped.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2
Out on Furlough.....	2	1	.....	.....	3
Epileptics now in the Hospital.....	30	17	29	12	88
Idiotic Children.....	1	10	.....	.....	11
Idiots including Children.....	5	10	4	.....	19
Imbeciles.....	10	12	4	4	30
Senility.....	3	4	6	7	20
Total No. remaining in Hospital, given in last Report, ending December 31, 1900.....	187	181	125	119	612
Error made in count, including Furloughs.....	2	1	.....	4	7
	185	180	125	115	605

Total Number of Employees of the Institution:

White male:

Superintendent	1
Physician	1
Book-keeper	1
Carpenter	1
Painter	1
Machinist	1
Steward	1
Laundryman	1
Dairyman	2
Farmer	1
Baker	1
Night Watch	1
Fireman	1
Superintendent dining room	1
Supervisor	1
Attendants	12
Electricians	2
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	30

Colored male:

Attendants	7
Day Watch	1
Night Watch	1
Cooks	5
Painter	1
Teamsters	5
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	20

White female:

Matron	1
Superintendents sewing room	2
Night Watch	1
Supervisor	1
Attendants	12
	<hr/>
	17

Colored female:

Attendants	7
Waitress	1
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	8
Total number white males	30
Total number white females	17

Total number colored males	20
Total number colored females	8
	75.

Expenses of the Florida Hospital for the Insane for months of January, February, March and April, 1900 and 1901:

JANUARY, 1900.

Accounts	\$3,544.59
Pay roll	2,016.60
Cash incidental	180.36
	\$5,741.55

JANUARY, 1901.

Accounts	\$5,131.29
Pay roll	1,918.65
Cash incidental	120.11
Transportation	445.50
	\$7,615.55

FEBRUARY, 1900.

Accounts	\$2,867.58
Pay roll	2,934.00
Cash incidental	264.58
	\$5,166.16

FEBRUARY, 1901.

Accounts	\$2,890.86
Pay roll	1,823.00
Cash incidental	148.83
Transportation	21.71
	\$4,884.40

MARCH, 1900.

Accounts	\$4,397.20
Pay roll	1,916.30
Cash incidental	105.57
	\$6,464.07

MARCH, 1901.

Accounts	\$3,332.98
Pay roll	1,918.73

Cash incidental	144.92
Transportation	419.44

\$5,816.13

APRIL, 1900.

Accounts	\$3,696.04
Pay roll	2,005.00
Cash incidental	138.19

\$5,749.23

APRIL, 1901.

Accounts	\$2,841.02
Pay roll	1,896.50
Cash incidental	143.05
Transportation	345.09
Chaplain's salary	50.00

\$5,275.66

Totals for four months, 1900	\$23,121.01
Totals for four months, 1901	\$23,591.74
Transportation for 1900 not given.	

FOR FISCAL YEAR, 1901.

Current expense	\$79,000
Drug fund	1,000
Transportation	5,000
Furniture	2,000
Repair fund	2,000
Building fund (barn,, colored female building, store rooms)	5,000
	<u>\$95,000</u>

FOR FISCAL YEAR, 1902.

Current expense	\$80,000
Drug fund	1,000
Transportation	5,000
Furniture	2,000
Repair fund (hot water pipes and Tobey system tanks, bath tubs, etc.)	5,000
Ice plant and cold storage	4,000
	<u>\$97,000</u>
Total	\$192,000

DAIRY REPORT FROM JANUARY 1 TO MAY 1,

DR.	
Jan. 31 Feed and labor	\$ 239.74
Feb. 28 Feed and labor	232.36
March 31, Feed and labor	286.46
April 30, Feed and labor	287.70

In favor of receipts	\$1,046.26
	242.32

\$1,288.58

CR.	
Jan. 31, Receipts	\$ 327.26
Feb. 28, Receipts	300.70
March 31, Receipts	373.95
April 30, Receipts	286.67

\$1,288.58

The report was ordered spread upon the Journal.

The Senate resumed consideration of bills on second reading.

House Bill No. 305:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the town of St. Petersburg to issue bonds for sewerage purposes.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 305 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 305 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Kirk moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 305 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 305 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, Blicht, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Kirk, Law, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden, Wilson of 7th and Williams

—23.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 305 passed, title as stated.
The Senate resumed consideration of—

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 178:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars to aid the Florida State Fair Association in making a display of the agricultural resources of the State at the State Fair to be held at Jacksonville in November, 1901, and to provide for the payment thereof."

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 178 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 178 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, the vote was—

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blitch, Broome, Carson, Cottrell, Crill, Dimick, Kirk, Myers, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden and Williams—17.

Nays—Messrs. Blitch, Crews and McCaskill—3.

So Senate Bill No. 178 passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 311:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 14, 58, 63 and 85 of Chapter 4640 (No. 126), Laws of Florida, relating to the municipal government of the city of Daytona.

Was taken up.

Mr. Law moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 311 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 311 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Law moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 311 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 311 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, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Kirk, Law, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Rogers, Rouse, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 7th and Williams—26.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 311 passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 286:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Etoniah Canal and Drainage Company to change their principal place of business from Banana, in the county of Putnam; State of Florida, to such place in the county of Putnam, State of Florida, as they may select and adopt by their by-laws.

Was taken up.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 286 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and Senate Bill No. 286 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 286 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. 286 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, the vote was—

Yeas—Messrs, Adams, Baker, Blitch, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Kirk, Law, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Rogers, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 7th and Williams—24.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 286 passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 287:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate sales of real estate, and the consummation thereof, had upon application of administrators, executors and guardians, and validating such sales heretofore made.

Was taken up.

Mr. Rogers asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 287.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 287 was withdrawn.

Senate Bill No. 289:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate sales of real estate, and the consummation thereof, had upon application of administrators, executors and guardians, and validating such sales heretofore made.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 289 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 289 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, the vote was—

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blitch, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Kirk, Law, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Rogers, Rouse, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 7th and Williams—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and the action of the Senate on all bills passed to-day be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And they were so certified.

Senate Bill No. 115:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the price for the sale and redemption of tax certificates held by the State.

Was read a second time in full, together with substitute therefor with the following title:

Committee Substitute for—

Senate Bill No. 115:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the price for the sale and redemption of tax certificates held by the State.

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 115.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived and Substitute for Senate Bill No. 115 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Substitute for Senate Bill No. 115 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be further waived, and that Substitute for Senate Bill No. 115 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Substitute for Senate Bill No. 115 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, the vote was—

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Blitch, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Kirk, Law, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden and Wilson of 7th—22.

Nays—None.

So Substitute for Senate Bill No. 115 passed, title as stated.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Substitute for—

House Bill No. 378 :

A bill to be entitled an act to supply public officers with Supreme Court Reports in certain cases.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be waived and that Substitute for House Bill No. 378 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Substitute for House Bill No. 378 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, the vote was—

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Sams, Whidden, and Wilson of 7th—26.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 288 :

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Crews moved that Senate Bill No. 288 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 254 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4684, Laws of Florida, approved June 30, 1899, entitled an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia for service as a land force, and to enforce discipline therein.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 254 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 254 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 254 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 254 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, the vote was—

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Bitch, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crull, Denham, Harris, Kirk, Law, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 7th and Williams—25.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 254 passed, title as stated.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 289:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 970 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the disqualification of judges.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 289, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 335:

An act to organize a county court in and for the county of Manatee, and to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney for said court.

Beg leave to report that we recommend its passage with the following amendment:

Amend the title by prefixing "a bill to be entitled."

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 335, contained in the above report, together with the amendment thereto, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 326:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize writs of mandamus to issue to compel the levy of executions in certain cases by officers whose duty it is to levy the same.

Have duly considered the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 326, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 223:

A bill to be entitled an act allowing all sheriffs, constables and police officers to carry weapons upon their person concealed or otherwise without a bond.

Beg leave to report that the same has been considered, and we recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 223, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 321:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 22 of Chapter 4338 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for establishing, working and repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of the several counties of this State, and to provide penalties for failure thereof, approved May 29, 1895.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 321, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Williams introduced—

Senate Bill No. 300 :

A bill to be entitled an act to allow writs of attachments or garnishment in suits for alimony and divorce.

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

By permission—

Mr. Myers introduced—

Senate Bill No. 301 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 671 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the power of city and town council to regulate registrations and elections and to fill vacancies.

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

By permission—

Mr. Myers introduced—

Senate Bill No. 302 :

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of W. S. Broome.

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

Mr. Blich mover that the rules be waived and the Senate take up and consider messages from the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the Senate proceeded to consider—

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read :

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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 by the requisite three-fifths constitutional vote—

House Joint Resolution No. 7 :

Proposing amendments to Sections 2 and 4 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Joint Resolution No. 7, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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. 419:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4313, entitled an act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Madison, Florida, and to provide a town government therefor, approved June 2, 1893, extending and defining the territorial limits of said town.

and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 419, 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., May 23, 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. 344:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. J. Knight, W. C. Brown, John Savarese, Francisco Ysern, D. S. MacFarrlane, J. M. Long, J. Henry Krause, administrators of J. H. Krause, deceased, C. L. Jones and W. H. Beckwith, as sureties upon the bond of W. E. Bledsoe, tax collector of the county of Hillsborough, and 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. 344, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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 Joint Resolution No. 348:

Memorializing Congress in regard to the further improvement of the Carrabelle River and East Pass entrance to Apalachicola Bay.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Joint Resolution No. 344, 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., May 23, 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 Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 349:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2772 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to dredging for sponges.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM.

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 349, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read.

House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 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 Memorial No. 416:

A memorial to Congress of the United States, asking for a Government preliminary survey of Peace River, in DeSoto county, Florida, from Wauchula, Florida, to the mouth of said river, with ultimate view of removing the natural obstructions therefrom, that same may be navigable to flat bottom steamboats.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Memorial No. 416, 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., May 23, 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. 248:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 50 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 Sections 10 and 12 of Chapter 4515 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 5, 1898.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 248, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 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. 453:

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

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 453, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 187 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

Senate Bill No. 187:

A bill to be entitled an act to promote good roads, declaring how they shall be constructed, making them systems of internal improvement and drainage, authorizing county commissioners to redeem land sold for taxes, and purchase said lands advertised and sold for taxes and hold and dispose of

same solely in the interest of public thoroughfares in their respective counties.

Was taken up.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 187 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 187 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. McCaskill offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 187:

Strike out all the words in the title after the word "drainage."

Mr. McCaskill moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCaskill offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 187:

Strike out Sections 5 and 6.

Mr. McCaskill moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCaskill offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 187:

Make Section 7 Section No. 5, and make Section 8 Section No. 6, and make Section 9 Section No. 7.

Mr. McCaskill moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 187, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Consideration of bills on second reading was resumed.

Senate Bill No. 250:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections one (1) and nine (9) of Chapter 4255 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to increase the facilities and improve transportation throughout the State, and to incorporate the Florida Grand Trunk Railway Company, approved June 3, 1893.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 250 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. 250 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blicht, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Law, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 7th and Williams—25.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 250 passed, title as stated.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 298:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation for the expenses of the State Government for six months of the year 1901, and for the year 1902, and for six months of the year 1903.

Was taken up.

Mr. Dimick moved that further consideration of Senate Bill No. 298 be informally passed and it be made a special order at 11:30 o'clock a. m. Monday, May 27.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 282:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect employees in the matter of contract, for wages, and against extortion and other abuses by employers.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the following committee amendment:

Insert after the word "corporation" on line 2 of Section 1, the following: "other than city or county."

After the word "or" on line 3 of Section 4, insert the following: "officers of."

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 282, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the vote by which House Bill No. 282 was indefinitely postponed be reconsidered.

Which was laid over under the rules.

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be waived, and the Senate take up and consider messages from the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the Senate proceeded to consider—

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 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. 336:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4778, Laws of Florida, Acts 1899, entitled an act to amend Chapter 4065, Laws of Florida, Acts 1891, entitled an act to keep in repair all public roads and bridges, and to open new roads in the county of Orange and State of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM.

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 336, 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., May 23, 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. 420:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation for the payment of the traveling expenses incurred and paid by the State Chemist in taking samples of commercial fertilizers and looking out for violators of the fertilizer law since July 1st, 1897.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 420, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved that House Bill No. 420 be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Which was agreed to.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 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. 444:

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

And respectfully asks the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 444, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 444 be placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading without reference to a committee.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The Senate resumed consideration of—

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 255:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 20 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, defining the boundary lines of Liberty county, Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. Rogers moved that Senate Bill No. 255 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 291:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 49, 52 and

53 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the boundary lines of the counties of Osceola, DeSoto and Dade.

Was taken up.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 291 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 291 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 291 be advanced to third reading, and be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Senate Bill No. 296:

A bill to be entitled an act amending Section 4 of an act entitled "an act supplemental to an act entitled 'an act to establish the municipality of Jacksonville, provide for its government and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers,' approved May 31, 1887, and to extend the powers of the government of said municipality," approved June 3, 1899.

Was taken up.

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 296 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 296 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 296 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. 296 was read a third time in full.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 7th and Williams—26.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 296 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Williams moved that when the Senate adjourn this afternoon it do adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. Monday, May 27.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill

No. 279, now on third reading, be taken up and considered out of its order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 279:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Ship Canal Company, to locate, construct, own and operate a ship canal across the peninsula of Florida, to connect the Atlantic Ocean with the Gulf of Mexico.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 279—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blitch, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Law, Myers, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden and Williams—23.

Nays—Messrs. Crill, Kirk, McCaskill and Sams—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

By permission—

Mr. Rouse, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred—

House Substitute for—

House Bill No. 262:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the holding of political primary elections in the State of Florida for nominating candidates for any office under the laws of this State, and for nominating delegates to political conventions.

Also

House Bill No. 151:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 47 of Chapter 4328 of the Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of this State, and to provide for general and special elections and for the returns of elections."

Beg leave to report that they have had same under consider-

ation, and return said bills to the Senate without recommendation.

Very respectfully,
 W. C. ROUSE,
 Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 151 and House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 262, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Blitch, Chairman of the Committee on Mining and Phosphate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., May 24, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Mining and Phosphate, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 327:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4755, Laws of Florida, the same being an act entitled an act to prevent damage by phosphate works.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined same, and recommend that said bill be passed by the Senate.

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

And House Bill No. 327, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. McCreary moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until Monday, May 27, 1901, at 9 o'clock a. m.