

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1901.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The president pro tem. (Mr. Crill) in the chair.

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

Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

The Journal of Friday was corrected so as to show that Mr. Wilson of 4th voted "no" on the question of indefinitely postponing House Bill No. 50.

Mr. O'Brien asked that Mr. Williams be excused from attendance to-day.

Mr. Williams was excused.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. MacWilliams:

Senate Bill No. 282:

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

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

By Mr. Palmer of 11th:

Senate Bill No. 283:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the corporation of the city of Tampa and the towns of Fort Brooke and East Tampa; to provide a municipal government for the city of Tampa, and to define the boundaries thereof, and to provide for the calling and holding of an election to determine whether the limits of the present city of Tampa shall be extended, and for the canvassing and declaring the result thereof.

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

By Mr. Rogers:
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.

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

By Mr. Myers:
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.

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

INTRODUCTIONS OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. O'Brien introduced the following memorial:

Hall of Central Trades Council of Pensacola, Fla.
Pensacola, Fla., May 14, 1901.

To the Hon. J. Ed. O'Brien, Senator, J. Emmet Wolfe and C. Moreno Jones, Representatives:

We, the undersigned, a special committee appointed by the Central Trades' Council of the American Federation of Labor, representing a membership of some 1,500 voters in the city of Pensacola and vicinity, earnestly protest against the present convict lease system, and beg that you will use your best endeavors to have such laws passed as will effectually repeal same, we deeming it as it now stands detrimental to good government, and the best interests of free labor and humanity.

Trusting that our wishes in this matter will meet with your approbation, we are,

Yours respectfully,

MATT. G. JOHNSON, Chairman,

CHAS. E. WILSON,

R. M. McLELLAN, Secretary C. T. C.

Which was ordered spread upon the Journal.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 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. 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.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 311, 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 16, 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. 295:

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

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 295, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 278, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary, 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.

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

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 272, contained in the above report, to-

gether with the amendments thereto, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

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 lands advertised and sold for taxes, and hold and dispose of same solely in the interest of public thoroughfares in their respective counties.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 187, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 271:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the unnecessary discharge of fire-arms at night time in or near unincorporated towns or residences.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 271, contained in the above report, to-

gether with the substitute therefor, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 257:

A bill to be entitled an act permitting certain persons access to the public records of the various counties of this State.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same, and return it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 257, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 252:

A bill to be entitled an act to make it the duty of the Governor to appoint an agent to examine the records, accounts and transactions of county officers, and to fix compensation for such agents.

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

After the word "agent," in the first line of Section 1, add the following: "who shall be an expert accountant."

Also,

In the fourteenth line of Section 1, strike out the figures "\$1,600.00" and insert in lieu thereof the figures "\$1,500.00."

Also,

Strike out the word "necessary" in the fourteenth line of Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "all actual traveling expenses."

Also,

After the word "Governor," in the thirteenth line of Section 1, add the following: "And also file said report with the County Commissioners of each county where said inspection is made, whose duty it shall be to have said report published one week in one newspaper published in said county, which publication shall be paid by the County Commissioners."

Also,

Add to Section 2 the following: "If any county officer in any county in this State shall refuse to at once deliver the books to said agent as required herein, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 nor less than \$100.00 or by imprisonment not longer than three months or less than thirty days."

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 252, contained in the above report, together with the amendments thereto, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1901.

President of the Senate:

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

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.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 268, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 273:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1185, Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to writs of execution.

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

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 273 contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 266:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of sea turtle.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 154:

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

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH.

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 154 and 266, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 263:

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

Beg leave to report that they have considered same and herewith report the accompanying substitute and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 263, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 277:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize assessments against abutting property for public improvements and provided for in Chapter 4884 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "an act to provide for the opening, grading, paving, curbing and otherwise improving streets, parks, sidewalks and other public places in the city of Tampa; the construction of sewers therein; the repair and maintenance thereof; and for assessments against abutting property for such improvements, including such as may have been completed or may now be in process of construction, and the enforcement and collection thereof, and to amend Section 7 of said Chapter 4884, providing for the enforcement of assessments made thereunder.

Have carefully examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 277, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 38:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a Prison Commission for the State of Florida, to define their duties, powers and compensation; to provide for the purchase of certain lands and for the erection thereon of a Penitentiary in which to keep and maintain certain State convicts; to provide for the utilization of convict labor thereon; to place the State Reform School under the charge and control of said Commission; to provide for the hiring of certain convicts; to provide for an appropriation to carry out the purposes of this act, and for other purposes.

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. 38, 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 20, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to authorize the city of Jacksonville to levy a special tax for the support of a free public library, and to authorize said city to enter into an obligation for the support thereof.

Also,

An act to extend the time for completing the Carrabelle, Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad, and to preserve and continue the grant of lands heretofore made to aid in its construction.

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 authorize the city of Pensacola to issue negotiable bonds for certain municipal purposes, and to provide a Board of Bond Trustees.

Also,

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.

Beq leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented 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 authorize the city of Jacksonville to levy a special tax for the support of a free public library, and to authorize said city to enter into an obligation for the support thereof.

Also,

An act to extend the time for completing the Carrabelle, Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad, and to preserve and continue the grant of lands heretofore made to aid in its construction.

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 authorize the city of Pensacola to issue negotiable bonds for certain municipal purposes, and to provide a Board of Bond Trustees.

Also,

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.

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

Mr. Blicht called up from the table—

Senate Bill No. 31:

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

Mr. Blicht asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 31.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 31 was withdrawn.

Mr. Blicht called up from the table—

Senate Bill No. 203:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the arrangement of the entrances and interior of saloons and other places where spirituous, vinous or malt liquors are sold and dispensed.

Mr. Blicht asked unanimous permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 203.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 203 was withdrawn.

Mr. Blicht moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 154, 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. 154:

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

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 154—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blicht, Butler, Carson, Cot-

trell, Crews, Crill, Law, Miller, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Whidden and Wadsworth—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Blitch moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 154 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 154 was so certified.

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.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up and consider bills on third reading where they were left off on Friday.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the Senate proceeded to consider—

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate Bill No. 265:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the license taxes to be paid by any merchant, storekeeper or dealer who shall keep for sale or sell pistols or pistol cartridges, and prohibiting the sale of pistols or pistol cartridges to minors and prescribing penalties therefor.

Mr. MacWilliams asked unanimous consent to amend Senate Bill No. 265 on third reading.

Which was granted.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 265:

Strike out the last Section.

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 265, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Committee Substitute for—

Senate Bill No. 58:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix damages in suits for trespass on timbered lands and provide attorney's fees therefor.

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

Upon call of the roll on Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 58—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Miller, McCaskill MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer, Peacock, Rogers, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—21.

Nays—None.

So Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 58 passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 235:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit attorneys at law in this State from becoming sureties on official bonds.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 235—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Butler, Cottrell, McCaskill, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Sams, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—15.

Nays—Messrs. Carson, Crews, Dimick, Miller, Neel and Whidden.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Peacock gave notice that on to-morrow he would move to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 235 passed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 175:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide the manner in which corporations existing in this State for profit, created under the General Corporation Law, may extend the term for which they are to exist.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 175—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Blich, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Dimick, Harris, Miller, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Neel, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Harris gave notice that on to-morrow he would move to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 175 passed.

House Bill No. 34:

A bill to be entitled 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.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 34—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Blich, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Harris, Miller, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Neel, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Committee Substitute for—

House Bill No. 143:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4412, Laws of Florida, entitled "an act relative to the limitation of actions for the recovery of real property," Acts of 1895, which became a law without the approval of the Governor.

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

Upon call of the roll on Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 143—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Blich, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Harris, Miller, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Neel, Palmer, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—18.

Nays—Mr. President and Mr. Peacock—2.

So Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 143 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Harris gave notice that on to-morrow he would move to reconsider the vote by which Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 143 passed.

House Bill No. 239:

A bill to be entitled 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.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 239—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Harris, Miller, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse, Whidden, Sams and Wadsworth—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. O'Brien moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 258, which was informally passed, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to.

And

Senate Joint Resolution No. 258:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 24 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the establishment of courts in this State.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

Mr. O'Brien asked permission to amend Senate Joint Resolution No. 258, on third reading.

Which was granted.

Mr. O'Brien offered the following amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 258:

Strike out the words and figures "30,000" in line 15, Section 24, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "25,000."

Mr. O'Brien moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the Secretary be authorized to make the change in the body of Senate Joint Resolution No. 258 to conform to the above amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 258—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—25.

Nays—None.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 258, having received the constitutional majority of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 181:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 3 of Chapter 4777, of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to keep in repair all public roads and 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.

Was taken up.

And House Bill No. 181 was informally passed.

House Bill No. 191:

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

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

Mr. Butler moved that House Bill No. 191 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was not agreed to.

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 191—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Cottrell, Crews, Dimick, Harris, Kuk, Law, Miller, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rouse, Sams and Wilson of 4th—19.

Nays—Messrs. Butler, Crill and Wilson of 7th—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 240:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1458 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida relating to appeal as a supersedeas.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 240—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Blich, Butler, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Law, Miller, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Wilson of 4th and Wilson of 7th—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 144:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George P. Raney, and compensate him for labor performed in compiling a Manual of Statutes of the State of Florida for Justices of the Peace.

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

Mr. MacWilliams moved that House Bill No. 144 be indefinitely postponed.

Pending which—

Mr. Myers moved that further consideration of House Bill No. 144 be postponed until next Wednesday, and be made a special order at 11 o'clock a. m.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived and that 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 17, 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. 52:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2598 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, the same being entitled carnal intercourse with unmarried females under the age of sixteen.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 52, 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 17, 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. 157:

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

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 157, 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 17, 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. 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 appointment of a State Board of Medical Examiners, of the Eclectic School of Medicine, and to prescribe the qualifications, duties and powers of said board.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 294, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 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. 286:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4794 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.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

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

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

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 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. 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.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 265, contained in the above message was read the first time by its title and referred the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives

inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 282:

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.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 282, 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 17, 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. 382:

A bill to be entitled an act to continue the rights privileges and grants of the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad Company and to extend the time for commencement of work on same, and the time within which said road shall be built.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 382, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved that House Bill No. 382 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 following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 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. 267:

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

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 267, 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 17, 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. 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.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 178, 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 17, 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. 305:

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

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 305, 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 17, 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. 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.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 304, 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 17, 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. 53:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2396 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to rape and forcible carnal knowledge.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 53, 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 17, 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. 236:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 4192 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an "act to prescribe rules and regulations for licensing teachers; to provide for uniform examinations; to secure fairness in examinations, and in issuing teachers' certificates, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 236, 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 17, 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 directed me to return Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 106 to the Senate for correction of apparent errors in engrossed copy of said bill.

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

Mr. Adams moved that Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 106 be referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 106, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 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. 215:

A bill to be entitled an act creating three Congressional Districts in the State of Florida, defining the boundaries of the same, and repealing Sections 57 and 58 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

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

And Senate Bill No. 215, 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 18, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 244:

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

With the following amendments:

First. Amend by substituting "\$75,000," for "\$100,000."

Second. In Section 2, after the words "Said architect" add "the Commissions shall require the contractor or contractors to give a good and sufficient bond to accompany their bid as a guarantee that the work will be done within the sum named in this act.

Three. Strike out of Section 2, in the line next to the last the words "and the architect."

Fourth. Amend the bill by adding to Section 3 the following: "No more than the sum hereby appropriated shall be used for the purpose of this act, and no contract shall be let except to the lowest bidder upon advertisement duly made for sealed bids."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 244, contained in the above message, together with the amendments thereto of the House of Representatives, was taken up.

The following House amendment was read:

Amend by substituting "\$75,000" for "\$100,000."

Mr. Miller moved that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to.

The following House amendment was read:

Strike out of Section 2, in the line next to the last, the words "and architect."

Mr. Miller moved that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to.

The following House amendment was read:

Add to Section 3 the following: "No more than the sum hereby appropriated shall be used for the purpose of this act, and no contract shall be let except to the lowest bidder upon advertisement duly made for sealed bids."

Mr. Miller moved that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to.

The following House amendment was read:

In Section 2 after the words "said architect," add the following, "The Commission shall require the contractor or contractors to give a good and sufficient bond to accompany their bid, as a guarantee that the work will be done within the sum named in this act."

Mr. Miller moved that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 244, which was amended in the House of Representatives, and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be waived and the action of the Senate on all bills this morning be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And they were so certified.

Consideration of bills on third reading was resumed.

House Bill No. 258:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent, suppress and punish the illegal sale of spirituous liquors, wines or beer in cities and towns.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 258, as amended—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Blich, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Kirk, Law, Miller, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th and Wadsworth—23.

Nays—None

So the bill, as amended, passed, title as stated.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Joint Resolution No. 177, now on third reading, be taken up and considered out of its order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

Senate Joint Resolution No. 177:

Proposing to amend Section 12 of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Joint Resolution No. 177—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Butler, Carson, Dimick, McCreary, Neel and Rogers—8.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Blitch, Cottrell Crill, Harris, Law, Miller, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Sams, Wilson of 4th and Wilson of 7th—14.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 177, having failed to receive the constitutional majority of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, failed to pass.

Mr. Dimick moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 181, informally passed, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

House Bill No. 181:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 3 of Chapter 4777 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "an act to keep in repair all public roads and 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."

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 181—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blitch, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crill, Dimick, Harris, Law, Miller, McCaskill, McWilliams, Neel, Palmer of 14th, Sams and Wilson of 7th.—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 231:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Tullius E. Biggs for services as stenographer in Circuit Court, Marion county.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 231—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blitch, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Harris, Law, Miller, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Whidden and Wilson of 7th—17.

Nays—Mr. Palmer of 14th—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 192:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 7 and 9 of Chapter 4706, Laws of Florida, 1899.

Was taken up.

And House Bill No. 192 was informally passed.

House Memorial No. 278:

A memorial to Congress relative to a lighthouse at St. Andrews Bay.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Memorial No. 278—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blicht, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Harris, Kirk, Miller, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse and Wilson of 7th—19.

Nays—None.

So the memorial passed, title as stated.

House Memorial No. 275:

A memorial to Congress relative to deepening and improving the pass at St. Andrews Bay, Fla.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Memorial No. 275—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blicht, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Harris, Kirk, Miller, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Wilson of 4th and Wilson of 7th—22.

Nays—None.

So the memorial passed, title as stated.

Mr. Kirk moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 192, informally passed, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

House Bill No. 192:

A bill to be entitled 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 such 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 damage for the killing or injury to domestic live stock under cer-

tain conditions by the companies refusing or neglecting to fence their roads as required.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 192—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Carson, Crill, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Miller, McCaskill, MacWilliams, O'Brien, Peacock, Rogers, Sams, Wilson of 4th and Wilson of 7th—16.

Nays—Messrs. Blitch, Neel and Palmer of 14th—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 249:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring operators of railroads to keep a record of and publish the marks and brands of stock killed by trains.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 249—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blitch, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Kirk, Miller, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Rogers, Rouse, Sams and Wilson of 7th—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 266:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of sea turtle.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 266—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blitch, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crill, Denham, Kirk, Miller, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse and Wilson of 7th—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 277:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize assessments against abutting property for public improvements, and provided for in Chapter 4884 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for the opening, grading, paving, curbing and otherwise improving streets, parks, sidewalks and other public places in the city of Tampa; the construction of sewers therein; the repair and maintenance thereof; and for assessments against the abutting property for such improvements, including such as may have been completed or may now be

in process of construction, and the enforcement and collection thereof, and to amend Section 7 of said Chapter 4884 providing for the enforcement of assessments made thereunder.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 277 was informally passed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.
Senate Bill No. 38:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a Prison Commission for the State of Florida, to define their duties, powers and compensaion; to provide for the purchase of certain lands and for the erection thereon of a Penitentiary in which to keep and maintain certain State convicts; to provide for the utilization of convict labor thereon; to place the State Reform School under the charge and control of said Commission; to provide for the hiring of certain convicts; to provide for an appropriation to carry out the purposes of this act, and for other purposes.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 38—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blicht, Butler, Carson, Crill, Harris, Kirk, McCaskill, McCreary, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Wilson of 4th and Wilson of 7th—19.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Crews, Dimick, Neel and Rogers—6.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

At 1:05 p. m.—

Mr. O'Brien moved that the Senate go into executive session.

Which was agreed to.

And the doors were closed.

At 1:15 o'clock p. m.

The doors were opened.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blicht, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Sams, Wilson of 4th and Wilson of 7th—26.

A quorum present:

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 265:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the license taxes to be paid by any merchant, storekeeper or dealer who shall keep for sale or sell pistols or pistol cartridges; prohibiting the sale of pistols or pistol cartridges to miners and prescribing penalties therefor.

Have carefully examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. F. KIRK,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 265, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Committee Substitute for—

House Bill No. 106:

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

With the message from the House of Representatives that there seemed to be an error in the engrossment.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully compared the

engrossed copy with the original and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Blitch moved to adopt the report of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, and that the House of Representatives be notified of the action of the Senate thereon.

Which was agreed to.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to authorize the City of Jacksonville to levy a special tax for the support of a free public library, and to authorize said city to enter into an obligation for the support thereof.

Also,

An act to extend the time for completing the Carrabelle, Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad, and to preserve and continue the grant of lands heretofore made to aid in its construction.

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 authorize the City of Pensacola to issue negotiable bonds for certain municipal purposes, and to provide a Board of Bond Trustees.

Also,

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.

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

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

By permission—
 Mr. Baker, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,
 D. H. BAKER,
 Chairman of Committee.

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

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

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

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

Beg to report that they have carefully considered the same, and respectfully recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

P. W. BUTLER,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 294, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Which was agreed to.

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

CONFIRMATIONS.

To be Commissioner of Pilotage for the Port of Pensacola—
J. H. Harvell.

To be Judge of the Criminal Court of Record for Monroe
County—L. W. Bethel.

To be Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record of Mon-
roe County—J. Vining Harris.