

# Journal of the Senate

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Of the Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature Under the Constitution of A. D. 1885, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, State of Florida, Tuesday, the Seventh Day of April, A. D. 1903, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for the meeting of the Legislature.

TUESDAY, April 7, 1903.

The Senate convened at 12 noon, and was called to order by President Palmer.

Prayer by the Rev. E. H. Reynolds of Jacksonville.

Secretary Appleyard called the roll of Senators holding over, and the following answered to their names:

Messrs. Blich of 21st district, Butler of 23rd, Carson of 19th, Crews of 15th, Dimick of 13th, Kirk of 9th, Law of 29th, McCaskill of 1st, MacWilliams of 31st, Miller of 25th, Neel of 3rd, Peacock of 17th, Rouse of 5th, Whidden of 27th and Wilson of 7th—16.

The roll of new Senators was called, and the following answered to their names:

Messrs. Adams of 30th, Bailey of 22nd, Brown of 20th, Crill of 26th, Faulkner of 12th, Gillen of 14th, Harris of 24th, McCreary of 32nd, Raney of 8th, Sams of 28th, Scott of 6th, Stockton of 18th, Wadsworth of 10th, Williams of 16th and Wilson of 4th—15.

A quorum present.

The roll of new Senators was called eight at a time, and the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution administered to them by Associate Justice E. C. Maxwell of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Crill moved that the Senate proceed to the election of officers and attaches of the Senate for the present session.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill placed in nomination the name of Hon. Frank Adams of Hamilton to be President of the Senate.

Mr. Crill moved that Hon. Frank Adams be elected by acclamation.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Kirk moved that a committee of three be appointed to conduct the newly elected President to the chair.

Which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Mr. Kirk, Mr. Harris and Mr. Crill, who performed their duty.

The President-elect was then introduced to the Senate in a few appropriate remarks by the retiring President, Mr. Palmer, and addressed the body.

Mr. Crill moved that Hon. C. A. Carson be elected President pro tem.

Mr. Crill moved that Mr. Carson be elected by acclamation, which was agreed to, and Mr. Carson was declared elected President pro tem.

Mr. Crill put in nomination the name of Hon. T. J. Appleyard, of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Crill moved that Mr. Appleyard be declared elected Secretary by acclamation.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill put in nomination the names of the following persons to be officers and attaches of the Senate for the present session, to-wit:

Assistant Secretary, L. L. Ramsey of Lafayette; Bill Secretary, F. L. Robertson of Suwannee; Reading Secretary, C. B. Robinson of Orange; Assistant Reading Secretary, John R. Willis of Levy; Engrossing Secretary, B. L. Blackburn of DeSoto; Enrolling Secretary, John J. Byrne of St. Johns; Recording Secretary, John W. Cannon of Lake; Sergeant-at-Arms, G. E. Hawkins of Suwannee; Messenger, N. B. McCaskill of Santa Rosa; Doorkeeper, T. A. Morgan of Gadsden; Chaplain, Rev. E. H. Reynolds of Duval; Janitor, Otto R. Kirchof of Volusia; Page, Ray Neel of Holmes; Page, T. F. McCall, Jr., of Hillsborough; Page, Peeler Stevens of Wakulla.

Mr. Crill moved that they be declared elected by acclamation.

Which was agreed to.

And they came forward, with the exception of the Chaplain, Janitor and Pages, and took the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, which was administered

by Associate Justice E. C Maxwell of the Supreme Court.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules for the government of the Senate at the close of the last session be in force until rules be adopted for the present session.

Mr. Crill offered the following amendment to the motion of Mr. McCreary:

That the rules in force at the last session of the Senate be adopted until otherwise ordered by the Senate, with the following additional standing committees of five members each:

A Committee on Forestry.

A committee on public roads and highways.

A Committee on the Mineral Resources of Florida.

A Committee on State Prisons and Convicts.

That the Judiciary Committee be increased to fifteen members.

Mr. McCreary accepted the amendment.

The motion of Mr. McCreary, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized and ready to proceed to business.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed the following as such committee, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Stockton and Harris, who, after a short absence, appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that they had performed the duty assigned them, and were discharged.

Mr. Kirk moved that a committee of three be appointed by the President to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the Senate was organized and ready to receive any communication he may see proper to communicate.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Kirk, Butler and Whidden, who, after a brief absence, returned to the bar of the Senate and announced that they had performed the duty assigned them, and were discharged.

A committee of three from the House of Representatives—Messrs. McNamee, Watson and Johnston of Pasco—appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that they were instructed by the House to inform the Senate that that body was organized and ready to proceed to business.

A communication was received from the Governor as follows:

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, April 7, 1903.  
Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir:—I have the honor to transmit herewith Biennial Message of the Governor, accompanied by the reports of the administrative officers, other State officers and appointees, which are as follows:

- Report of the Secretary of the State.
- Report of the Treasurer of the State.
- Report of the Comptroller of the State.
- Report of the Attorney-General of the State.
- Sixth Annual Report of the Railroad Commission.
- Report of the State Chemist of the State of Florida.
- Twelfth Annual Report of the State Board of Health.
- Report of the Adjutant-General of the State of Florida.
- Report of the Commissioners on Uniformity of Legislation.
- Report of Fish Commission.
- Second Biennial Report of the Commissioner on Reform School
- Report of the State Agents on the Treasurer's Office.
- Report of the State Agents on Comptroller's Office.
- Report of the State Agent on Commissioner of Agriculture's Office.
- Report of State Agents on the Secretary of State's Office.
- Report of the State Agents on the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.
- Report of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.
- Report of the Capitol Improvement Commission.
- Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture.
- Report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Which is sent to you for your consideration.

Very respectfully,

W. S. JENNINGS,

Governor.

The message and document contained in the above were, on motion of Mr. Carson, ordered spread on the Journal.

[See Appendix.]

Mr. Palmer moved that a vote of thanks be tendered the fair ladies of Tallahassee for their kindness and consideration in remembering us with the handsome floral decorations seen here to-day.

Which was adopted by a rising vote.

### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. McWilliams offered the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1:

Whereas, The construction of an inland route from St. Augustine to Biscayne Bay will result in a great benefit to the East Coast of Florida;

And whereas, The Florida Coast Line and Transportation Company is now at work excavating for said inland water route, from St. Augustine to Biscayne Bay;

And whereas, The time for the completion of the said inland water route by the said Florida Coast Line and Transportation Company expires June 1st, 1903;

And whereas, Application will be made by the Florida Coast Line and Transportation Company to the Legislature of the State of Florida for the extension of the time to complete the said inland route, from June 1st, 1903, to June 1st, 1905; therefore,

Be it resolved, By the Senate, the House concurring, that a committee of three, one on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House, be appointed to investigate the affairs of the said Florida Coast Line and Transportation Company, the work heretofore performed, and that now being performed, by said company, and report the result of said investigation to the Senate and House, respectively.

Which was read the first time and laid over under the rules.

Mr. Wilson of 7th introduced the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House of Representatives, be appointed,

to whom shall be referred all bills and resolutions relating to the re-districting of the State into eight judicial circuits, or for the establishment of an eighth judicial circuit, and whose duty it shall be to prepare and submit a bill dividing the State of Florida into eight judicial circuits.

Which was read and laid over under the rules.

Mr. Neel introduced the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That there be appointed a special joint committee on judicial circuits, of seven members—three on the part of the Senate and four on the part of the House of Representatives—to which shall be referred all matters pertaining to the re-districting the State into judicial circuits.

Which was read and laid over under the rules.

Mr. Carson introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 1:

Be it resolved that the Secretary of State be and he is hereby requested to immediately provide in the capitol building four rooms to be used as committee rooms by the several Senate committees.

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson of 4th, introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 2:

Resolved that the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the Sergeant-at-Arms as many copies of the Revised Statutes as the Senate may need for its use.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 3:

Be it resolved that the Senate proceed to elect two stenographers to serve the members of Senate in their correspondence and in drawing bills and resolutions, and to act as clerks of committees when needed.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the resolution.

Pending consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Harris moved the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Kirk moved that the Senate adjourn to 3 p. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Law moved to adjourn to 10 a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Kirk was adopted.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned to 3 p. m. Wednesday, April 8, 1903.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of 7th, Wilson of 4th—28

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cramer, of the Baptist church.

Mr. Kirk, moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

Mr. Law asked that Mr. Miller be excused from attendance today.

Mr. Miller was excused.

Mr. Kirk asked that Mr. Scott be excused from attendance today, on account of sickness.

Mr. Scott was excused.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, asked that Mr. Neel be excused from attendance on account of sickness.

Mr. Neel was excused.

The President announced that he had been informed that Senator Blount would arrive in the city today.

The President announced the appointment of standing committees of the Senate as follows: