

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:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

JUDICIARY.

Raney, of the 8th, Chairman;
 Blount, of the 2nd;
 Wilson, of the 4th;
 Wilson, of the 7th;
 Law, of the 29th;
 Gillen, of the 14th;
 MacWilliams, of the 31st;
 Harris, of the 24th;
 Palmer, of the 11th;
 Crill, of the 26th;
 Crews, of the 15th;
 Sams, of the 28th;
 Carson, of the 19th;
 Williams, of the 16th;
 Faulkner, of the 12th;

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Palmer of the 11th, Chairman;
 Law, of the 29th;
 MacWilliams, of the 31st;
 McCreary, of the 32nd;
 Wilson, of the 7th.

FINANCE AND TAXATION.

Crill, of the 26th, Chairman;
 Carson, of the 19th;
 Brown, of the 20th;
 McCreary, of the 32nd;
 Scott, of the 6th;

APPROPRIATIONS.

Wilson, of the 7th, Chairman;
 MacWilliams, of the 31st;
 McCreary, of the 32nd;
 Gillen, of the 14th;
 Palmer, of the 11th.

COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Bailey, of the 22nd, Chairman;
Butler, of the 23rd;
Crill, of the 26th;
Law, of the 29th;
Raney, of the 8th.

ORGANIZED LABOR.

MacWilliams, of the 31st, Chairman;
Blount, of the 2nd;
Neel, of the 3rd;
Palmer, of the 11th;
Williams, of the 16th

CITY AND COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS.

Gillen, of the 14th, Chairman;
Wilson, of the 7th;
Palmer, of the 11th;
Stockton, of the 18th;
Crill, of the 26th.

COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION.

Blount, of the 2nd, Chairman;
Williams of the 16th;
Harris, of the 24th;
Wilson, of the 7th;
Sams, of the 28th.

EDUCATION.

Carson, of the 19th, Chairman;
Butler, of the 23rd;
McCreary, of the 32nd;
Scott, of the 6th;
Neel, of the 3rd.

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTION.

Stockton, of the 18th, Chairman;
 Wadsworth, of the 10th;
 Dimick, of the 13th;
 Law, of the 29th;
 Raney, of the 8th.

ENGROSSED BILLS.

Blitch, of the 21st, Chairman;
 Whidden, of the 27th;
 McCreary, of the 32nd;
 Butler, of the 23rd;
 Brown, of the 20th.

PUBLIC LAND.

Faulkner, of the 12th, Chairman;
 Kirk, of the 9th;
 Miller, of the 25th;
 Stockton, of the 18th;
 Williams, of the 16th.

STATE BOUNDARIES.

Bailey, of the 22nd, Chairman;
 McCaskill, of the 1st;
 Gillen, of the 14th;
 Rouse, of the 5th;
 Blount, of the 2nd.

MINING AND PHOSPHATE.

Brown, of the 20th, Chairman;
 Wilson, of the 7th;
 Blitch, of the 21st;
 Wadsworth, of the 10th;
 Whidden, of the 27th.

TEMPERANCE.

Crews, of the 15th, Chairman;
 Carson, of the 19th;

Neel, of the 3rd;
 Peacock, of the 17th;
 Blich, of the 21st.

ENROLLED BILLS.

Wilson, of the 4th, Chairman;
 Peacock, of the 17th;
 Harris, of the 24th;
 Kirk, of the 9th;
 Scott, of the 6th.

CANALS AND TELEGRAPH.

Dimick, of the 13th, Chairman;
 Kirk, of the 9th;
 Miller, of the 25th;
 Peacock, of the 17th;
 McCaskill, of the 1st.

AGRICULTURE.

Wadsworth, of the 10th, Chairman;
 Crews, of the 15th;
 Miller, of the 25th;
 Rouse, of the 5th;
 Peacock, of the 17th.

CORPORATIONS.

Butler, of the 23rd, Chairman;
 Harris, of the 24th;
 Neel, of the 3rd;
 Stockton, of the 18th;
 Kirk, of the 9th.

RAILROADS.

Williams, of the 16th, Chairman;
 Wadsworth, of the 10th;
 Stockton, of the 18th;
 Brown, of the 20th;
 Blount, of the 2nd.

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES.

Scott, of the 6th, Chairman.
Faulkner, of the 12th;
Peacock, of the 17th;
Wilson, of the 4th;
Butler, of the 23rd.

IMMIGRATION.

Law, of the 29th, Chairman;
Crews, of the 15th;
Dimick, of the 13th;
Rouse, of the 5th;
Wadsworth, of the 10th;

STATE AFFAIRS.

Neel, of the 3rd, Chairman;
Butler, of the 23rd;
Crews, of the 15th;
Miller, of the 25th;
Law, of the 29th.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Harris, of the 24th, Chairman;
Blitch, of the 21st;
McCaskill, of the 1st;
Bailey, of the 22nd;
Gillen, of the 14th.

PUBLIC PRINTING.

McCreary, of the 32nd, Chairman;
Faulkner, of the 12th;
Scott, of the 6th;
Kirk, of the 9th;
Neel, of the 3rd.

FISHERIES.

Sams, of the 28th, Chairman;

Carson, of the 19th;
 Palmer, of the 11th;
 Blitch, of the 21st;
 Rouse, of the 5th.

MILITIA.

Wilson, of the 4th, Chairman;
 Brown, of the 20th;
 McWilliams, of the 31st;
 Harris, of the 24th;
 Williams, of the 16th.

CLAIMS.

Kirk, of the 9th, Chairman;
 Faulkner, of the 12th;
 Gillen, of the 14th;
 Raney, of the 8th;
 Blount, of the 2nd.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Wadsworth, of the 10th, Chairman;
 Brown, of the 20th;
 Dimick, of the 13th;
 MacWilliams, of the 31st;
 Raney, of the 8th.

GAME.

Rouse, of the 5th, Chairman;
 Bailey, of the 22nd;
 Williams, of the 16th;
 Dimick, of the 13th;
 Sams, of the 28th.

MINERAL RESOURCES OF FLORIDA.

Whidden, of the 27th, Chairman;
 Bailey, of the 22nd;
 Miller, of the 25th;
 Crill, of the 26th;
 Blitch, of the 21st.

STATE PRISON AND CONVICTS.

McCreary, of the 32nd, Chairman.
 Crill, of the 26th;
 Butler, of the 23rd;
 Wilson, of the 4th;
 Carson, of the 19th.

FORESTRY.

Miller, of the 25th, Chairman;
 McCaskill, of the 1st;
 Sams, of the 28th;
 Whidden, of the 27th;
 Dimick, of the 13th.

PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.

McCaskill, of the 1st, Chairman;
 Scott, of the 6th.
 Rouse, of the 5th;
 Sams, of the 28th;
 Bailey, of the 22nd.

RECORDED PROCEEDINGS.

Peacock, of the 17th, Chairman;
 Faulkner, of the 12th;
 McCaskill, of the 1st;
 Whidden, of the 27th;
 Crews, of the 15th.

Mr. Kirk moved that 200 copies^s of the rules of the Senate and list of the standing committee be printed for the use of the body.

Which was agreed to

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Sams offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 4:

Resolved, That the Committees on Fisheries, Railroads and Appropriations be allowed to employ a clerk to serve the three committees.

Mr. Sams moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gillen offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 5:

Be it resolved, That the chairman of the committee on education, the chairman of the committee on city and county organization and the chairman of the committee on corporations be authorized to employ a clerk to serve said three committees during this session of the legislature.

Mr. Gillen moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Raney offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 6:

Resolved, That the Committee on Judiciary be allowed to employ a clerk.

Mr. Raney moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 7:

Resolved, That the committee on Finance and Taxation be allowed a clerk.

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Butler offered the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4:

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of three composed of one on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House be appointed to visit and inspect the Florida Agricultural College and report their findings.

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

Mr. McWilliams offered the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives thereof 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 and report upon the institution known as the "Florida Institute for the Deaf and the Blind," located at St.

Augustine, Florida, and also report the needs, if any, of said institution.

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

Mr. Crill offered the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of one on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House of Representatives be appointed to visit the State Normal School at DeFuniak Springs.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Whidden:

Senate Bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2533 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to throwing down fences and opening gates.

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

By Mr. Whidden:

Senate Bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 625 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to canvass and result of election.

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

By Mr. Whidden:

Senate Bill No. 3:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections one and two of Chapter 4045, Laws of Florida, approved June 2, 1891, the same being an act to amend an act entitled an act to protect the interests of farmers, planters and others, Chapter 3012, approved Feb. 17, 1877.

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

By Mr. Whidden:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 Article XII of the Constitution of the State of

Florida, such article relating to education.

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

By Mr. Whidden :

Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 :

A Joint Resolution proposing to repeal Section 6, and to amend Sections 7 and 9 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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

By Mr. Whidden :

Senate Bill No. 6 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections one, three and five of an act entitled an act for the preservation of wild deer, birds and other game and to prescribe the term wherein which they may be hunted, and prescribing a penalty thereof, being Chapter 4784, Laws of Florida, approved May 4, 1899.

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

By Mr. Blitch :

Senate Bill No. 7 :

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Levy county.

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

By Mr. MacWilliams :

Senate Bill No. 8 :

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for completing the canal of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, and to preserve and continue the grant of lands to aid in its construction.

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

By Mr. Law :

Senate Bill No. 9 :

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the catching and taking of fish from the fresh water lakes of Clay county, Florida, in the months of March, April and May of each year.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide annuities for disabled soldiers, and widows of soldiers, who were killed or died during the Civil War, or who have since died, of the State of Florida, and of increasing the appropriations for payment of same, and for creating a State Board of Pensions.

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

By Mr. McCreary:

Senate Bill No. 11:

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

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

By Mr. Brown:

Senate Bill No. 12:

A bill to be entitled an act dividing the State of Florida into eight judicial circuits, and to carry into effect the constitutional amendment to Article five of Section eight of the Constitution.

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

By Mr. Brown:

Senate Bill No. 13:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the Board of Commissioners of the State Institutions of the State of Florida to purchase and equip penitentiary farms and plantations, and to employ the State convicts thereon, and to provide for the conduct and management of the same.

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

By Mr. Brown:

Senate Bill No. 14:

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

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

By Mr. Brown:

Senate Bill No. 15:

A bill to be entitled an act to confirm the powers, life

and franchises of East Florida Ice Manufacturing Company.

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

By Mr. Wadsworth:

Senate Bill No. 16:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4972 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act making incurable insanity a ground for divorce of husband and wife, and regulating proceedings in such cases, approved April 25, 1901.

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

By Mr. Whidden:

Senate Bill No. 17:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time limit for the commencement and completion of the Alafia, Manatee and Gulf Coast Railway.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county of Monroe to bond itself in the sum of ten thousand dollars for the purpose of constructing a public highway within said county.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 19:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe a penalty for receiving money or goods under promise to perform certain labor or services, and failing to perform said services.

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

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 20:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections one, two, three, four and six of Chapter 4635 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for the municipal officers of the city of Key West, a municipal corporation existing

in the county of Monroe, Florida, to prescribe their terms of office, provide for their election and appointment and regulate their compensation, and to repeal Sections two, and three, of Chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, and amendments thereto.

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

By Mr. McCreary:

Senate Bill No. 21:

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

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

By Mr. Crill:

Senate Bill No. 22:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the election held on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1902, in the city of Palatka, to determine whether or not the bonds should be issued, sold, etc., as proposed and provided by an ordinance of said city, entitled "an Ordinance to provide for the issue of bonds and the payment thereof," passed in open council by the city council of the city of Palatka, on the 19th day of November, 1901, and approved by the mayor of said city on the 20th day of November, 1901, and to declare and render valid said ordinance, and to authorize the issuance of the bonds as provided by said ordinance.

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

By Mr. MacWilliams:

Senate Bill No. 23:

A bill to be entitled an act to ratify and legalize the action of the county commissioners of St. Johns county, for, on, and in behalf of the county of St. Johns, in taking up from the First National Bank of St. Augustine, the warrants of the board of public instruction of said county amounting to the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00), bearing eight (8) per cent interest and substituting therefor county warrants in a like sum bearing five (5) per cent interest.

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Consurrent 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.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Law offered the following substitute for the above resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That there be appointed a special commit-

tee on judicial circuits, of nine members, four on the part of the Senate, and five 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.

Mr. Law moved the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, accepted the substitute.

The substitute offered by Mr. Law was then adopted.

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.

Was taken up and laid over on account of the absence of Mr. Neel.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Harris withdrew the resolution.

Mr. Williams moved that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. Thursday, April 9.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

Mr. President, Senators Bailey, Blich, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Pal-