

An act to extend the time limit for the commencement and completion of the Alafia, Manatee and Gulf Coast Railway.

Also.

A joint resolution requesting Congress to call a Constitutional Convention to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, making United States Senators elective in the several States by direct vote of the people.

Have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And the acts contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

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

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. April 29, 1903.

CONFIRMATIONS.

J. F. Welborne, to be Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record in and for Orange county, Florida.

W. J. Bryan, to be Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record in and for Duval county, Florida.

L. W. Bettel, to be Judge of the Criminal Court of Record in and for Monroe county, Florida.

J. Vining Harris, to be Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record in and for Monroe county, Florida.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, 27 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present—Messrs. Blich, Gillen, MacWilliams, Neel and Raney being absent.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.
The Journal as corrected was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Scott

Senate Joint Resolution No. 204:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1, Article X, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to homestead exemption against debts contracted for family support.

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

By Mr. Williams:

Senate Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled an act to make tax deeds issued or to be issued under the provisions and in the form prescribed by Chapter 4888, of the Laws of Florida prima facie evidence of title.

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

By Mr. Williams:

Senate Bill No. 206:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 953 and 956 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to harbor masters.

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

By Mr. Butler:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 207:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to County Commissioners.

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

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 208:

A bill to be entitled an act making an annual appropriation for the University of Florida, at Lake City, to make up deficit caused by shrinkage of interest on certain bonds.

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

By Mr. Carson :
Senate Bill No. 209 :

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate money for the equipment of the gymnasium in connection with the University of Florida.

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

By Mr. Peacock :
Senate Bill No. 210 :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for service by publication, of summons *ad respondendum* in cases of *assumpsit*.

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

By Mr. Brown :
Senate Bill No. 211 :

A bill to be entitled an act to require railway companies and other carriers to equip their flat cars used for carrying lumber and timber, with standards, supports, strips, railings and other appliances necessary to the safe carriage of such lumber and timbers; to provide that the weight of all of said appliances be included in the weight of the cars; to provide pay for the shipper by the carrier in case of default on the part of the latter, and for other purposes.

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 :

Whereas, There is on exhibition in the Governor's office a rare painting of Osceola, the Seminole Indian Chief, painted in 1837; and,

Whereas, The said painting is one of great historic value, and its subject is one of the greatest characters in the early and heroic history of this great Commonwealth, and

Whereas, It is considered desirable by many of the citizens of the State that this famous painting should become the property of the State of Florida and be kept in this capitol building of the State, therefore

Be it resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, That a committee of five, two from the Senate and three

from the House, be appointed to inspect, investigate and report to the Senate and House, respectively, their findings as to its purchase by the State of Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th asked permission to withdraw Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20.

Which was granted.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 was withdrawn.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 144, now on second reading, be taken up and considered out of order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 144:

A bill to be entitled an act to reorganize the military forces of the State, to adopt and make of force a military code, and provide penalties for the violation thereof; to repeal all laws referring to the military forces not herein re-enacted, and for other purposes.

Was taken up, having previously been read a second time by its title.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 144 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 144 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, Miller, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Stockton, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th, Wilson of the 4th.—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 144 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 144 was so certified.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to county officers.

Have examined the same and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. Wilson of the Fourth, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act for the relief of Levy County.

Also,

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Wauchula, in the County of DeSoto, and to declare the incorporation of said town to be valid and of full force.

Have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And the acts contained in the above report were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred—

Senate Bill No. 155:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a State Board of Medical Examiners and to prescribe their duties and terms of office; to provide for a uniform system of medical examinations and certificates, to protect the public from ignorant and incompetent practitioners of medicine, and to fix penalties for the violation of this act.

Beg leave to report that the said bill has been carefully considered and it is recommended that the same be passed with the following amendments, viz.:

Strike out all of Section 5.

After figures 1899, at end of Section 9, add the following, viz.: "Provided, further, That nothing in this act shall be construed so as to prevent the practice of midwifery as now conducted in this State."

Strike out all after the word "provided" in fifth line of Section 10, and add the following, viz.: "Section 11. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court."

Make Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 read Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Very respectfully,

W. HUNT HARRIS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 155, contained in the above report, together with the amendments thereto, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.
Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate.

Sir:—You Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred—

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6, of article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to county officers.

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

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6, of Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to county officers.

The Joint Resolution was duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and orderd returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:
Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act for the relief of Levy County.

Also,

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Wauchula, in the County of DeSoto, and to declare the incorporation of said town to be valid and of full force.

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

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

And the acts contained in the above reports were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir:—You Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred—

An act to amend an act entitled “an act to amend Sections 37 and 57 of Chapter 4869, being an act entitled “an act to abolish the present municipal government of the city of Lakeland, in the county of Polk and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as Lakeland, and to define its territorial boundary, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges, the same being Chapter 5098 of the Laws of Florida.

Be 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,
C. L. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

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its jurisdiction, powers and privileges, the same being Chapter 5098 of the Laws of Florida.

The act was 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. Blount, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 156:

A bill to be entitled an act to pay defendant's witnesses in criminal cases.

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

Very respectfully,

W. A. BLOUNT,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 156, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. Blount, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix and establish a rule for the measure of damages in suits against common carriers in certain cases.

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

Very respectfully,

W. A. BLOUNT,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 18, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. Blount, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 56:

A bill to be entitled an act providing that any commission merchant, agent or solicitor, who is procuring or attempting to procure shipment or consignment of produce, shall make false representations, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and prescribing a penalty therefor.

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

With the following title:

A bill to be entitled an act to punish persons procuring by knowingly false representation the consignment of produce for sale.

Very respectfully,
W. A. BLOUNT,
Acting Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 56, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. Blount, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 168:

A bill to be entitled an act to permit the trial of title to land in replevin, trover and trespass suits.

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

Very respectfully,
W. A. BLOUNT,
 Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 168, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. Kouse, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank, Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Game, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 39.

A Bill to be entitled an Act prohibiting the killing for sale, selling, or offering for sale of quail in the County of St. Johns, for a period of five years.

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

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

And Senate Bill No. 39, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Rouse, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Game, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 176:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit persons from hunting, shooting, trapping, chasing, killing or otherwise molesting of wild deer, wild turkeys, quail, squirrels, coons and otters on land not his own without permission from the owner, and to provide a penalty for the violation of same.

Beg leave to report that they have considered said bill and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

W. C. ROUSE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 176, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Rouse, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Game, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 174:

A bill to be entitled an act for the preservation of wild deer, birds and other game, and to prescribe the time in which they may be hunted, and to provide that all non-residents of the State shall take out a license before they shall hunt such wild deer, birds or other game, and prescribing a penalty for the violation thereof.

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

Very respectfully,

W. C. ROUSE,
Chairman of Committee.

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

Mr. Rouse, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Game, to whom was referred—

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.

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

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

And Senate Bill No. 6, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.
Hon. Frank Adams,
President of the Senate.

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 175:

“A bill to be entitled ‘an act for the relief of Lee Daniell.’”

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

Very respectfully,
B. F. KIRK,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 175, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. H. H. McCreary, Chairman of the Committee on State Prison and Convicts, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.
Hon. Frank Adams,
President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on State Prison and Convicts, to whom was referred—

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.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass, for the reason that the Legislature of 1905 will have ample time prior to the expiration

of the existing lease of the State convicts to provide for their subsequent disposition.

Very respectfully.

H. H. McCREARY,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 13, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 149:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of J. M. Thomas, one of the principals, and N. B. Rhodes, P. H. Collins and George Walker, sureties, on the bail bond of Charles Bonard and J. M. Thomas for their appearance in the Criminal Court of Record of Hillsborough County, State of Florida.

Have carefully examined same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully.

H. H. McCREARY,
Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 149, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams.

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 178:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 23 of an act entitled "an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections," approved May 25, 1895, as amended by chapter 4329, Laws of Florida, being an act

entitled "an act to amend sections 23, 38, 46 and 47 of an act entitled 'an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections,'" approved May 30th, 1895, relating to the duties of tax collectors.

Beg leave to report that we have examined same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

H. H. McCREARY,
Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 178, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank, Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend Sections 37 and 57 of Chapter 4869, being an act entitled an act to abolish the present municipal government of the city of Lakeland, in the county of Polk, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as Lakeland, and to define its territorial boundary, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges, the same being Chapter 5098 of the Laws of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section six, of Article eight, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to county officers.

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

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

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 60:

A bill to be entitled an act to reorganize the Military forces of the State, to adopt and make of Force a Military Code, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof; to repeal all laws referring to the Military forces not herein re-enacted, and for other purposes.

Mr. Butler asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 60.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 60, was withdrawn

House Bill No. 114:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4906 of the Laws of Florida, being an act to organize a county court in and for the county of Manatee and to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney for said court, approved May 30, 1901.

Was taken up.

Mr. Whidden moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 114 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 114 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Whidden moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 114 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 114 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr President, Messrs. Bailey, Ploumt, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, Miller, Palmer, Peacock, Rouse, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of 7th.—21.

Nays—None. °

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 135:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for indexing the Journals of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, and to provide compensation for the same.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Peacock moved that Senate Bill No. 135 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 37:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1903.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the committee amendments thereto.

The following committee amendment was read:

In line 4 of section 2, change the word "sergeant" to "sergeants."

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

In line 7 of section 2, change the word "messenger" to "messengers."

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

In line 8 of section 2 add the word "each" after the word "day."

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

In line 9 of section 2 change the word "doorkeeper" to "doorkeepers."

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

In line 10 of section 2 after the word "day" add the word "each."

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

In line 12 of section 2 after the word "diem" add the word "each."

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

In line 23 of section 2 after the word "shall" add the word "each."

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

In line 29 of section 2 substitute the word "form" for the word "from."

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Sams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 37.

Strike out the word "five" in line 13 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "six."

Mr. Sams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 37 as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 105, now be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 105:

A bill to be entitled an act to aid and encourage the establishment and maintenance of public high schools, and rural graded schools, to prescribe the conditions and make appropriation therefor.

Was taken up.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 105 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 105 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Blount offered a substitute for Senate Bill No. 105 with the following title:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the grades of instruction which shall be taught in the uniform system of public schools of Florida, to aid and encourage the establishment of public high schools and rural graded schools, to prescribe conditions, provide for instructors, and to make appropriations therefor.

The substitute was then read a second time in full, Mr. Blount moved the adoption of the substitute.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Sams moved that 200 copies of the substitute for Senate Bill No. 105 be printed and remain on second reading.

Which was agreed to.

By Committee:

Senate Bill No. 203:

A bill to be entitled an act to divide the State of Florida into eight judicial circuits, and for the appointment of State attorneys therefor.

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer moved that Senate Bill No. 203 be made a special order for tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer moved that the vote by which Senate Bill No. 203 was made a special order for Thursday, April 30, be reconsidered.

Which was agreed to.

And,

Senate Bill No. 203:

A bill to be entitled an act to divide the State of Florida into eight judicial circuits, and for the appointment of State attorneys therefor.

Was again placed before the Senate and read a second time in full.

Mr. Blount moved that Senate Bill No. 203 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Brown moved to lay Senate Bill No. 12 on table subject to call.

Which was granted.

Senate Bill No. 36:

A bill to be entitled an act to divide the State of Florida into eight judicial circuits, and for the appointment of judges and State attorneys therefor.

Was taken up.

Mr. Crill asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 36.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 36 was withdrawn.

By Mr. Law:

Senate Bill No. 83:

A bill to be entitled an act to divide the State of Florida into eight judicial circuits, and for the appointment of judges and State attorneys therefor.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Law moved that Senate Bill No. 83 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 10:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide pensions for disabled soldiers and sailors, 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.

Was taken up.

Mr. Butler asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 10.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 10 was withdrawn.

Senate Bill No. 45.

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Crews asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 45.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 45, was withdrawn.

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.

Was taken up.

Mr. McCreary moved that Senate Bill No. 11 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 75:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Peacock moved that Senate Bill No. 75 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 65:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide annuities for the widows of deceased Confederate Soldiers and Sailors of the State of Florida, now receiving pensions, or whose husbands would be entitled to receive pensions under the laws of Florida if now living.

Was taken up.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th moved that Senate Bill No. 65 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that tomorrow the calendar of bills on table subject to call be sounded, and disposition be made of bills thereon.

Which was agreed to.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

House Memorial No. 17:

A memorial to Congress relating to the issuance of United States License for the sale of alcoholic liquors in counties and districts where the same is prohibited by State law.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Blount moved that House Memorial No. 17 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

House Memorial No. 16:

A Memorial to Congress of the United States asking that the lands belonging to the United States in the State of Florida be granted to the State for school purposes.

Was taken up.

Mr. Faulkner moved that House Memorial No. 16 be placed back on second reading for amendment.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 57:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the obstruction of county, and settlement roads and prescribing penalty therefor.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Bailey moved that House Bill No. 57 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and messages from the House of Representatives be taken up.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has Passed by a three-fifths vote—

House Joint Resolution No. 168:

Proposing amendment to section 12, of article 12, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to education.

And respectfully asks the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Joint Resolution No. 168, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and

referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 96:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1448 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to the signing and recording of decrees in Equity.

And respectfully asks the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

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

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank, Adams,

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. 100:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the appraisal and sale of real estate involved in mortgage foreclosure proceedings in certain cases.

And respectfully asks the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 100, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Memorial No. 123:

A memorial to Congress asking an appropriation for deepening the entrance to St. Andrews Bay.

And respectfully asks the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

• WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Memorial No. 123, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

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. 130:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent any aid or assistance being rendered to any person who has escaped from lawful arrest or imprisonment.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 130, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

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. 146:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of W. G. Powell, court reporter Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in the case of the State of Florida vs. the Hewitt Brothers, indictment for murder.

And respectfully asks the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM.

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 146, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

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. 162:

To be entitled an act to authorize the purchase by the State of Florida from the county of Monroe, certain premises for an armory or other purposes at Key West, Florida.

And respectfully asks the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM.

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 162, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Militia.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives Appointed a committee on part of the House to examine into the propriety of purchasing a painting of Oscoela, the celebrated Indian Chief.

Mr. Hendry of Lee, chairman.

Webb of St Johns, Harvell of Santa Rosa.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The Senate recurred to—

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate Bill No. 151:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the city and town authorities in this State to contract with individuals, companies or corporations for the gathering and disposal of garbage, etc.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 151 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Bailey, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, Miller, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th, Wilson of the 4th.—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 112.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Birmingham, Columbus and St. Andrews Railroad Company to construct, maintain and operate a railroad from the waters of St. Andrews Bay, on the Gulf of Mexico, in Wash-

ington county, Florida, north to the Alabama and Florida line, and for other purposes.

Was taken up.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th moved that Senate Bill No. 112 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 124:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for insuring the property of the State of Florida and of the Educational and other boards of the State against loss by fire.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill . . o. 124 the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Bailey, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Dimick, Faulkner, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, Miller, Peacock, Rouse, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams—19.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Harris, Sams, Stockton, Wilson of the 7th—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 131:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the books and forms to be kept by county treasurers and certain other county officers, and the balancing of the same

Was taken up.

Mr. Carson moved that Senate Bill No. 131 be placed back on second reading.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 108:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 350 of the Revised Statutes, relating to agricultural statistics.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 108, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Bailey Blount, Brown, Butler, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Harris, Kirk, McCaskill, Miller, Peacock, Rouse, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams—18.

Nays—Senators Carson, Crews, McCreary, Scott, Wilson of the 7th—5

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 104:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the publica-

tion of the Acts of the Legislature of a general and permanent nature in newspapers, prescribing the duties of the Secretary of State and the boards of county commissioners, and providing compensation for publishers.

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

Upon the call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 104 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Bailey, Blount, Brown, Butler, Faulkner, Harris, Kirk, McCreary, Miller, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Whidden, Williams—15.

Nays—Senators Carson, Crews, Crill, McCaskill, Peacock, Stockton, Wadsworth, Wilson of the 7th—8.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 119:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections two (2) and three (3) of chapter 4022, Laws of Florida, entitled "an act defining usurious contracts and prescribing penalties and forfeitures on same," approved June 5th, 1891.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 119, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Bailey, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Faulkner, Harris, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, Miller, Palmer, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.
—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 131, now on second reading, be taken up.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 131:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the books and forms to be kept by county treasurers and certain other county officers, and the balancing of same.

Was taken up, having previously been read a second time.

Mr. Butler asked unanimous consent to detach the memorandum from Senate Bill No. 131.

Which was granted.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 131 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Pending the reading of the bill for the third time.

Mr. Sams moved that 200 copies of Senate Bill No. 131 be printed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved that the Senate adjourn until 11 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

Mr. Scott moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Harris was agreed to.

The Senate stood adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. Thursday, April 30, 1903.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1903

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, 29 members answered to their names, showing a quorum present—Messrs. Crill, Dimick and Neel being absent.

Prayer by Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

Mr. Sams asked that Mr. Crill be excused from attendance today on account of sickness.

Mr. Crill was excused.

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

Mr. Dimick was excused.

Mr. Carson asked to be excused from attendance after today until next Monday afternoon.

Mr. Carson was excused.

Mr. Rouse asked to be excused until Monday next.

Mr. Rouse was excused.

Mr. Butler asked to be excused until Tuesday next.

Mr. Butler was excused.

Mr. Palmer asked to be excused from attendance until Monday.

Mr. Palmer was excused.