

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, Blicht, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Pal-

mer, Peacock, Raney, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of 7th, Wilson of 4th—30.

A quorum present.

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

Mr. Carson moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

Mr. Bailey asked that Mr. Wadsworth be excused from attendance until Monday next, on account of a death in his family.

Mr. Wadsworth was excused.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Peacock introduced the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7:

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee, composed of two from the Senate, and three from the House of Representatives, be appointed, to whom shall be referred all claims against, and all bills pertaining to the disposition of the Indian War Claims Fund.

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

Mr. Faulkner offered the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8:

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a Joint Committee be appointed, consisting of one member on the part of the Senate, and two on the part of the House of Representatives, to visit the Normal and Industrial School at St. Petersburg, and the South Florida Military Institute, at Partow.

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

Mr. Wilson of 4th, offered the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9:

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 East Florida Seminary, located at Gainesville, and report their findings.

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

Mr. Whidden introduced the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10:

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That a committee, to be composed of one on the part of the Senate and two from the House of Representatives, be appointed to visit the East Florida Seminary at Gainesville, Florida, and the South Florida Military and Educational Institute at Bartow, Florida, examine into and investigate the present conditions of each, and ascertain what, if any, improvements should be made, and report, with as little delay as possible, their findings to this Legislature, to the end that it may be advised in the matter of appropriations.

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

Mr. Stockton offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 8:

Be it resolved. That the Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, Constitutional Amendments, Public Lands, and Legislative Expenses be allowed to appoint one clerk to act for each and all of them.

Mr. Stockton moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 9:

In order to facilitate the approval of bills, and to insure accuracy, be it

Resolved, That all bills for services rendered to this body by attaches or clerks, or committee clerks, shall be submitted to the Committee on Legislative Expenses for their approval, and that no bills for such services shall be paid by the Treasurer without the approval of said committee.

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Law offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 10:

Resolved, That the Committee on Immigration, State Affairs and Privileges and Elections be allowed a clerk.

Mr. Law moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Law withdrew the resolution.

Mr. Rouse offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 11:

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, the Chairman of the Committee on Game, the Chairman of the Committee of Mineral Resources of Florida, and the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, be allowed to employ a clerk who shall be the clerk of the four committees.

Mr. Rouse moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crews offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 12:

Resolved, That the Committees on Temperance, Mineral Resources, Organized Labor and Roads and Highways, be allowed a clerk to serve the four committees.

Mr. Crews moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bailey offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 13:

Resolved, That the Committees on Rules, Claims, State Boundaries, and Public Health be allowed to employ a clerk to serve the four committees.

Mr. Bailey moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Law offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 14:

Be it resolved by the Senate, That the Committees of Immigration, State Affairs, Rules and Constitutional Amendments be allowed a clerk.

Mr. Law moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 15:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Senate that the clerks authorized by the resolutions already adopted shall begin their service only when the accumulation of work before said committees renders assistance necessary, and that the chairman of the several committees shall report promptly to the Committee on Legislative Expenses when such services begin, and said clerks shall not be entered on the pay roll until such date.

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCreary offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 16:

Resolved, That the Committees on Public Printing and the Committee on State Prisons and Convicts be authorized to employ a clerk to serve both committees.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the resolution.
Which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Wilson of the 7th:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 24:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section eighteen of Article V, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to county courts.

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

By Mr. McCreary:

Senate Bill No. 25:

A bill to be entitled an act to enforce and legalize married women's contracts.

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

By Mr. McCreary:

Senate Bill No. 26:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the approval of bonds in criminal cases before the courts of county judges and justices of the peace.

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

By Mr. McCreary:

Senate Bill No. 27:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the filing of creditors' bills before the creditors' claims shall have been reduced to judgment.

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

By Mr. McCreary:

Senate Bill No. 28:

A bill to be entitled an act making sheriff's deeds, deeds of masters in chancery, and of commissioners to property sold by them, and certified copies thereof, admissible as prima facie evidence of the validity of the

judgments, decrees and other proceedings under which said sales were made and such deeds executed.

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

By Mr. Faulkner:

Senate Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1, Chapter 4683, Laws of Florida, approved June 2nd, 1899, being an act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within four miles distance of public or private school buildings and houses of worship, and to provide penalties therefor.

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

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 30:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of the taxes of the city of Orlando, and for the collection of the back taxes and tax sale certificates of said city.

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

By Mr. Crews:

Senate Bill No. 31:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the compensation to be paid jurors and witnesses on behalf of the State in the courts of county judges and justices of the peace, and jurors in coroner's inquests.

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

By Mr. Wilson of the 7th:

Senate Bill No. 32:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of witnesses subpoenaed to appear before the county prosecuting attorneys of the county courts.

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

By Mr. Wilson, of the 7th:

Senate Bill No. 33:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 4537, being an act to amend Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 22, 24, 25, 30, 37, 40, of an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties in the State, and to provide for

general and special elections, and for the returns of elections, approved May 25, 1895.

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

By Mr. Wilson, of the 7th:

Senate Bill No. 34:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Section 14 of Chapter 5014, being an act to regulate the holding of political primary elections in the State of Florida for nominating candidates for any offices under the laws of this State, and for nominating delegates to political conventions.

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

By Mr. MacWilliams:

Senate Bill No. 35:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the levy of taxes for the years 1903, and 1904.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Roads and Highways.

By Mr. Crill:

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.

Which was read the first time by its title and laid on the table, to be referred to special committee on the subject should one be appointed.

By Mr. Law:

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.

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

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 mat-

ters pertaining to the re-districting the State into judicial circuits.

Was taken up.

Mr. Neel asked leave to withdraw the resolution.

Which was granted.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Butler moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Peacock offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out "one" and inserting "two," and by striking out "two" and inserting "three."

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment:

Strike out "three" in second line and insert "five."

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the resolution as amended.

Which was agreed to.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Neel offered the following amendment:

Strike out "one on the part of the Senate" and insert "two on the part of the Senate;" strike out "two on the part of the House of Representatives," and insert "three on the part of the House of Representatives."

Mr. Neel moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Neel moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

The President called the attention of the Senate to certain type-written documents accompanying Governor's Message, to-wit: Report of H. J. Draue, Special Agent for the State; report of the Capitol Improvement Commission; report of State Commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States; report of the President of the old Confederate Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Association; and the report on titles to State Property.

Mr. Harris moved that they be spread on the Journal.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Friday, April 10.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1893.

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, Blitch, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of 7th, Wilson of 4th—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. W. A. Blount, the newly elected Senator from the Second Senatorial District, was duly sworn in by Associate Chief Justice E. C. Maxwell of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Wilson of 4th moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

Mr. Blicht asked that Mr. Williams be excused until Wednesday next on account of sickness.

Mr. Williams was excused.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Scott offered the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11:

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of five, composed of two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House—be appointed to inspect and report on the condition of the Florida Hospital for the Insane.

Which was read and laid over under the rules.

Mr. McCreary offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 17:

Resolved, That 200 copies of report of State Commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States and the same number of copies of the report of the President of the old Confederate Soldiers' and Sailors' Home be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the Senate.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to

Mr. Crill offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 18:

Resolved, That a standing committee of five on Drainage and Reclamation of Lands, be appointed by the President of the Senate.

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed the following as the committee on Drainage and Reclamation of Lands:

Crill, of the 26th, Chairman;

Carson, of the 19th;

Whidden, of the 27th;

Dimick, of the 13th;

Sams, of the 28th.

Mr. Crill offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 19:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be requested to prepare a calendar of bills, resolutions, etc., for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 20:

Resolved, That the Comptroller is hereby requested to supply 125 copies of an Index to the Laws of Florida of a general nature subsequent to the Revised Statutes, prepared by T. Picton Warlow, Esq., of Orlando, Florida, for the use of the members of this Legislature.

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brown moved that—

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.

Be re-called from the Committee on Prisons and Convicts.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. McCreary, Chairman of the Committee on Prisons and Convicts, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 13:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize 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.

By direction of the Senate, herewith return same.

Very respectfully,

H. H. McCREARY,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Brown offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 21:

Resolved, That 200 copies of Senate Bill No. 13 be ordered printed for the benefit of members of the House and Senate.

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved that a committee to be known as the Committee on Pensions be appointed by the President and that it shall be one of the standing committees of the Senate.

Which was agreed to.

The President announced the following as the committee:

Mr. Harris, of the 24th, Chairman;

Brown, of the 20th;

Crews, of the 15th;

McCreary, of the 32d;

Law, of the 29th;

McCaskill, of the 1st;

Bailey, of the 22d.

A message was received from the Secretary of State.

Mr. McCreary moved that the committees to whom have been referred pension bills, be requested to return same to the Senate, and such bills be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 38.

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.

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

By Mr. MacWilliams:

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.

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

By Mr. Wilson, of the 7th:

Senate Bill No. 40:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an "Act to establish at Bartow, Florida, the South Florida Military and Educational Institute, and to provide an appropriation therefor," the same being Chapter 4334, Laws of Florida, approved May 29, 1895, as amended by Chapter 4568, Laws of Florida, 1897.

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

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 41.

A bill to be entitled an act to punish obtaining credit, goods, money or other property by any false statement in writing made to any merchant, dealer or bank with the fraudulent intent to obtain credit, whereby any one relying upon the said statement is defrauded.

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

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 42.

A bill to be entitled an act giving to counties certain rights of eminent domain.

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

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 43.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 15 of Article V. of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to the appointment of State attorneys and the election of sheriffs and clerks of the circuit court in this State.

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

By Mr. Crews:

Senate Bill No. 44.

A bill to be entitled an act changing the name of the Florida Agricultural College.

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

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 45.

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 Pensions.

By Mr. Neel:

Senate Bill No. 46.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4237 of the Laws of Florida, being an act to establish and keep in good repair the public roads and highways in the counties of Walton and Holmes, in this State.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Roads and Highways.

By Mr. Kirk:

Senate Bill No. 47.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Otto C. Butterwick for services as stenographer in circuit court, Sumter county, Florida.

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

By Mr. Palmer:

Senate Bill No. 48.

A bill to be entitled an act for the regulation of the sales of stocks of goods in bulk, and prescribing a penalty for certain violations thereof.

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

By Mr. Palmer:

Senate Bill No. 49.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of warrants issued by the Comptroller of the State of Florida under Chapter 1175, Laws of this State, for services rendered to the State by voluntary companies with the approval of the Governor in suppressing Indian hostilities in the year 1856, and which warrants have been approved by the commissioner appointed under the supple-

mental act of 1889, Chapter 3930, Laws of Florida, to examine, approve or reject the same, and filed with the Comptroller of the State, and now in the custody of the State Treasurer.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Palmer moved that Senate Bill No. 49 lay on the table until a committee shall be appointed to consider these matters.

Which was agreed to.

By Mr. Palmer:

Senate Bill No. 50.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4600 of the Laws of Florida, being an act to enable cities and towns to manufacture and distribute gas and electricity, and to construct, purchase, lease or establish, and maintain within its limits one or more plants for the manufacture and distribution of gas or electricity for furnishing light for municipal use, and for the use of such of its inhabitants as may require and pay for the same as herein provided.

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

By Mr. Palmer:

Senate Bill No. 51.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize municipalities to acquire property for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and operating municipal plants for the supply and distribution of water to them and their inhabitants, by condemnation proceedings.

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

By Mr. Palmer:

Senate Bill No. 52.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4616 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act requiring a special license tax to be paid by express companies doing business in this State.

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

By Mr. Palmer:

Senate Bill No. 53.

A bill to be entitled an act to enable cities and towns to assess and tax for municipal purposes the franchises of all companies, corporations or associations having or exercising any special or exclusive privileges or franchise not

allowed by law to natural persons, or performing any public service.

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

By Mr. MacWilliams:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 54.

A joint resolution relative to calling a convention under Article V. of the Constitution of the United States, to purpose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, making United States Senators elective in the several States by direct vote of the people.

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

By Mr. Gillen:

Senate Bill No. 55:

A Bill to be entitled an Act to amend Section Four of Chapter 3474, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled "An act for the relief of Jacksonville and the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Madison, Jefferson, Duval and Leon".

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

By Mr. Neel:

Senate Bill No. 56:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize and confirm the incorporation of the town of DeFuniak Springs, in Walton county, Florida, and to declare the same a legally incorporated town.

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

The following communication from the Secretary of State was read:

Office of Secretary of State,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

DEAR SIR:

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the State of Florida, I herewith transmit to you, for the consideration of the Senate, the following vetoed acts, with the Governor's objections written thereon, viz:

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.

An act to amend Section 671 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida relating to the power of city and town council to regulate registrations and elections; and to fill vacancies.

An act regulating the manufacture and sale of food products.

Very respectfully,

H. CLAY CRAWFORD,

Secretary of State.

The title of the first act contained in the above was read.

The reading of the Governor's message, giving his reasons for failing to sign, was called for by Mr. Wilson, of the 4th, but no message accompanied the act.

Mr. Law moved that the acts mentioned in the above be returned to the Secretary of State with the request that the Governor's reason for failure to sign the same be attached to them, and that they then be returned to the Senate,

The motion was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7:

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee, composed of two from the Senate, and three from the House of Representatives, be appointed, to whom shall be referred all claims against, and all bills pertaining to the disposition of the Indian War Claims Fund.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Peacock requested that the resolution remain on the table subject to call.

The request was granted.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8:

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a Joint Committee be appointed, consisting of one member on the part of the Senate, and

two on the part of the House of Representatives, to visit the Normal and Industrial School at St. Petersburg, and the South Florida Military Institute, at Bartow.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Faulkner moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9:

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 East Florida Seminary, located at Gainesville, and report their findings.

Was taken up and read a second time.

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

Which was agreed to.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10:

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That a committee, to be composed of one on the part of the Senate and two from the House of Representatives, be appointed to visit the East Florida Seminary at Gainesville, Florida, and the South Florida Military and Educational Institute at Bartow, Florida, examine into and investigate the present conditions of each, and ascertain what, if any, improvements should be made, and report, with as little delay as possible, their findings to this Legislature, to the end that it may be advised in the matter of appropriations.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Whidden was granted permission to withdraw the resolution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Blich moved that the reports of committees be handed in to the Secretary and filed without being read, and the bills contained therein be placed on their appropriate calendar of readings.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gillen, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 30:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of the taxes of the city of Orlando, and for the collection of the back taxes and tax sale certificates of said city.

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

Very respectfully,

GUY GILLEN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 30, contained in the above report, was place on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Gillen, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

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, A. D. 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.

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

Very respectfully,

GUY GILLEN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 22, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading

Mr. Gillen, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

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.

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

Very respectfully,

GUY GILLEN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 23, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading

Mr. Gillen, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Senate Bill No. 20:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

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.

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

Very respectfully,
GUY GILLEN,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 20, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading

Mr. Gillen, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

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.

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

Very respectfully,
GUY GILLEN,
Chairman of Committee.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend

that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,
 GEO. P. RANEY,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 16, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading

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

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

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

Very respectfully,
 GEO. P. RANEY,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 2, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading

Mr. Crews, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1, Chapter 4683, Laws of Florida, approved June 2nd, 1899, being an act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within four miles distance of public or private school buildings and houses of worship, and to provide penalties therefor.

Have had same under consideration and recommend that said bill do pass, with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word "inhabitants" in line 22,

section 1.

Very respectfully,

J. B. CREWS.

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 29, contained in the above report, together with the amendment thereto, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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 the appropriations for payment of same, and for creating a State Board of Pensions.

Herewith return the same with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that one hundred copies be printed

Very respectfully,

GEO. P. RANEY,

Chairman of Committee.

The report was adopted—

And Senate Bill No. 10, contained in the above report, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same to the Senate with the recommendation that the bill be laid upon the table to be referred to the special committee to be appointed to consider the subject-matter thereof.

Very respectfully,
GEO. P. RANEY,
Chairman of Committee.

The report was adopted—

And Senate Bill No. 12, contained in the above report, was laid on the table to be referred to special committee on the subject when one is appointed.

Mr Neel, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred—

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.

In accordance with the request of the Senate, report the same back with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Very respectfully,
JOHN NEEL,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 11, contained in the above report, was re-referred to the Committee on Pensions.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Carson moved that Senate Bill No. 30, be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And,

Senate Bill No. 30:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of the taxes of the city of Orlando,

and for the collection of the back taxes and tax sale certificates of said city.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 30 be read a third time and put upon its passage, without being referred to the Engrossing Committee.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

Also,

Senate Bill No. 30 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Bailey, Bitch, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Wilson of 7th, Wilson of 4th, Whidden—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 30 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And,

Senate Bill No. 30 was so certified.

Mr. Law moved that a committee of five be appointed to investigate the acoustic properties of the Senate Chamber and recommend such changes as may be necessary.

The motion was adopted.

The President appointed Messrs. Law, Butler Raney, Stockton and Harris as such committee.

Mr. Law moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. Monday.

Mr. Faulkner moved to adjourn until 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved to adjourn until 10 a. m. Tuesday.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, withdrew the motion.

The motion of Mr. Faulkner was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 4 o'clock p. m. Monday, April 13, 1903.