

the above message was ordered returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Carson moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. Thursday, April 16, 1903.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1903.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, 31 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present, Senator Peacock being absent.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Ley, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with

The Journal as corrected was approved.

Mr. Faulkner asked that Mr. Peacock be excused from attendance today on account of sickness.

Mr. Peacock was excused.

The following communication was read:

Tallahassee, Fla., April 14, 1903.

Hon. Frank, Adams,

President of the Senate:

Dear Sir:—I am authorized to appoint a Midshipman from Florida to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and will be governed in the appointment by the result of a competitive examination to be held at Tallahassee on Saturday, May 9th, 1903.

The examiners will be Hon. W. A. Blount, Professor A. A. Murphree, and a third gentleman to be named by them. The examination will be open to any white boy over fifteen and under twenty years of age who is an actual resident of the State of Florida. The fact that a boy has been absent from Florida at school or college, will not disqualify him if his home is in Florida.

Candidates must be of good moral character, physically sound, and not abnormally undersized.

The scope of the examination will include the following subjects:

Reading and writing, spelling, punctuation, and capitals, grammar, geography, United States History, World's History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry.

The boy whom the examiners report as having stood the best examination will receive the appointment, and those standing next in order of excellence will be appointed 1st, 2d, and 3d, alternates, respectively.

It will be necessary for the one who secures the appointment, and advisable for the alternates, to be at the Naval Academy at Annapolis on the third Tuesday in June next, to undergo the mental and physical examination for admission to the Academy.

So many boys who are mentally qualified, are rejected on the physical examination at the Academy because of some latent physical defect, that it is worth while for an alternate who is strong and healthy and who has made a good examination in the competitive test, to present himself at the Academy for examination with the appointee.

The expense of going to and returning from Annapolis, if a boy fails to pass either examination, must be borne by him.

When admitted to the Academy each Midshipman will receive \$500.00 from the Government, and his board and tuition will be free.

Every boy intending to compete for the appointment must be at Tallahassee by 9 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, May 9, and report in person to Professor A. A. Murphree, at or before that hour. He must also, not later than May 5th, notify Professor Murphree in writing of his purpose to compete for the appointment, and in his communication must set forth his name in full, his age, the fact that he is a resident of Florida, the name and address of his father, or of his mother, if his father be dead, or of his guardian, if his father and mother are both dead.

I will be greatly obliged if you will, in such manner as you think proper, cause the facts herein stated to be brought to the attention of the honorable body over which you preside, as I desire to give the proposed competitive examination as much publicity as possible in the very

Very respectfully,

short time allowed me.

S. R. MALLORY,

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved that the communication be spread upon the Journal.

Which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Sams:

Senate Bill No. 114:

A bill to be entitled an act to revoke and abolish the present municipal government of the town of New Smyrna, and to organize a city government for the said town.

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

By Mr. Sams:

Senate Bill No. 115:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the impounding of cattle by municipal corporations.

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

By Mr. Williams:

Senate Bill No. 116:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the city of Fernandina, in the State of Florida, to proceed to lithograph or print and issue the one hundred and fifty municipal bonds, aggregating seventy-five thousand dollars, and the coupons attached, heretofore approved by two-thirds of the specially qualified registered voters of said city, actually voting at an election held in the several wards in said city, on the 17th day of March, A. D. 1902, under the provisions of Chapter 4713 of the Laws of Florida, entitled, "An act to provide for the issue of bonds by the city of Fernandina, for municipal purposes, and to authorize said city to value property taxable within the limits for taxation, and to assess and collect taxes levied thereon by said city," approved May 20th, 1899, and an ordinance of said city passed pursuant thereto, approved February 7th, 1902, in certain words and figures prescribed for the issue of the same, and to declare valid the issuance of said bonds, and in figures in and by this act authorized and prescribed, upon the same being executed and signed as provided, and curative of the omission specified, and of any want of power, real or apparent, in said city to so issue the same.

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

By Mr. Stockton:

Senate Bill No. 117:

A bill to be entitled an act enabling any corporation not for profit heretofore or hereafter formed to subject itself to indebtedness or liability, according to an amount or limit indicated in the original charter or amendment.

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

By Mr. Stockton (by request):

Senate Bill No. 118:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Sam T. Van Wageningen, as trustee for herself, Annabelle Robinson, Fannie E. Lanier, Electra Fallagant, Kate F. Kinson, Harry S. Deese, John W. Burrows, and Georgia Cleland.

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

By Mr. Stockton:

Senate Bill No. 119: a

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections two (2) and three (3) of Chapter 4032, Laws of Florida, entitled "An act defining usurious contracts and prescribing penalties and forfeitures of same," approved June 5, 1891.

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

By Mr. Stockton:

Senate Bill No. 120:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 4971, Laws of Florida, entitled "An act for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals, and to rescue children from immoral surroundings."

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

By Mr. Stockton:

Senate Bill No. 121:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2114, of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, prescribing the form of indenture of apprenticeship and the covenants thereof.

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

By Mr. Dimick:

Senate Bill No. 122:

A bill to be entitled an act establishing and amending

the charter of the Dade County Security Company, Miami, Florida.

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

By Mr. Blount:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 123:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section six of Article eight, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to county officers.

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

By Mr. Blount:

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.

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

By Mr. Blount:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 125:

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment of Section 20 and 24 of Article III, and the repeal of Section 8, Article VIII, 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. Palmer:

Senate Bill No. 126:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate and establish a municipal government for the town of Tarpon Springs, in Hillsboro county, Florida, provide for its government, prescribe its jurisdiction and powers and to abolish the present corporation of said town.

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. 127:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the city charter of the city of Tampa, and to provide for its government, jurisdiction, powers and duties.

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

SPECIAL ORDER.

The consideration of—

Senate Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1, Chapter 4683, Laws of Florida, approved June 2d, 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.

Was taken up together with the following amendment offered by Mr. Wilson of 4th.

After the word "inhabitants" in line 22, Section 1, add the following:

Provided, This act shall not apply to the sale of intoxicating liquors in incorporated towns of less than 500 inhabitants where such liquors are now being sold under lawful permit from the board of county commissioners.

And the motion of Mr. Wilson of the 4th to adopt pending—

Mr. Wilson of 4th withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 29:

Strike out all of Section 1 after the word "sold," in line 27, page 2, of printed bill.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 29:

Strike out the words "Provided also, That this act shall not repeal any part of the act of 1895 permitting the manufacture or sale of domestic wines." in lines 15, 16, 17 and 18 of printed bill.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Blount offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 29:

Strike from line three the words "or tippie."

Mr. Blount moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 29 as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 9:

Be it resolved, That a committee consisting of three (3) from the House and two (2) from the Senate be appointed to visit the State Reformatory at Marianna, Florida, and report upon the condition, needs and management.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Motion of Mr. Miller to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 2 was indefinitely postponed.

The notice of Mr. Miller's given yesterday, that today, he would move to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 2 was indefinitely postponed be reconsidered.

Was taken up.

Mr. Miller moved that the vote by which Senate Bill No. 2 was indefinitely postponed be reconsidered.

Mr. Butler moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

Which was not agreed to.

The motion to reconsider was agreed to.

And,

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.

Was again placed before the Senate, having previously been read a second time in full.

Mr. Butler moved that Senate Bill No. 2 be made a special order for Tuesday, April 21, 12 o'clock m., and remain on second reading.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gillen moved that the Committee on Railroads be requested to return Senate Bill No. 106 to the Senate.

Which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Beg leave to return the same herewith to the Senate with the request that 100 copies thereof be printed, and that said bill then be recommitted to this committee.

Very respectfully;

GEO. P. RANEY,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Raney moved that the recommendation of the committee be agreed to, and that 100 copies of Senate Bill No. 53 be printed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 82:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 4791, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to prohibit and prescribe the manner of taking food fish from certain waters in Lee county.

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

Very respectfully,

FRANK W. SAMS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 82, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend Sections thirty-three (33), thirty-seven (37), forty-two (42) and sixty-seven (67) of an act entitled "An act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Lake City, in the county of Columbia and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Lake City, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges." Approved May 22, 1901.

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.

Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 106.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City, White Springs, Watertown and Suburban Electric Railway Company, and to define its powers and privileges.

Herewith return same to the Senate.

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Gillen asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 106.

Which was granted, and Senate Bill No. 106 was withdrawn.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend Sections thirty-three (33), thirty-seven (37), forty-two (42) and sixty-seven (67) of an act entitled "An act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Lake City, in the county of Columbia and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Lake City, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges." Approved May 22, 1901.

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 signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 4.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4972, Laws of Florida, being "An act making incurable insanity a ground for divorce of husband and wife, and regulating proceedings in such cases."

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

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,
President of the Senate

SIR—The undersigned members of your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 4.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4972, aLs of Florida, being "An act making incurable insanity a ground for divorce of husband and wife, and regulating proceedings in such cases."

Respectfully dissents from the majority report of said committee, and recommend that said bill do pass.

ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,
C. A. CARSON,
W. A. MACWILLIAMS,
T. J. FAULKNER,
J. B. CREWS,

Members of Committee.

And House Bill No. 4, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,
President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 100.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1989 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the foreclosure of mortgages upon lands lying in different counties.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend the adoption of the following amendment:

Add at the end thereof the following:

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor.

And as thus amended that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

GEO. P. RANEY,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 100 contained in the above report, together with the amendment thereto was placed on the callendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 80:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 5040, Laws of Florida, being an act to prescribe what shall be deemed a lawful fence in part of townships 43 and 44, ranges 26 and 28, in Lee county, Florida, and to exempt said territory from the provisions of Sections 875, 876 and 878, of the Revised Statutes of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

GEO. P. RANEY,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 80, contained in the above report, was placed on the callendar 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, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend Sections thirty-three (33), thirty-seven (37), forty-two (42) and sixty-seven (67) of an act entitled "An act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Lake City, in the county of Columbia

and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Lake City, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges." Approved May 22, 1901.

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—

An act to amend Sections thirty-three (33), thirty-seven (37), forty-two (42) and sixty-seven (67) of an act entitled "An act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Lake City, in the county of Columbia and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Lake City, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges." Approved May 22, 1901.

The act was therefor 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. Raney, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

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

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

And Senate Bill No. 48, contained in the above report, was placed on the callendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled "an act to amend Section 2347 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the disposition of proceeds of life insurance," approved June 4th, 1897, being Chapter 4555, Laws of Florida.

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

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

And Senate Bill No. 67, contained in the above report, was placed on the callendar 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, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to amend Sections thirty-three (33), thirty-seven (37), forty-two (42) and sixty-seven (67) of an act entitled "An act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Lake City, in the county of Columbia and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the city of Lake City, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges." Approved May 22, 1901.

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

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

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 69:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the manner of selling or otherwise dispensing cocaine, to provide a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act, and for other purposes.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and herewith submit as a substitute for same:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the manner of selling or otherwise dispensing cocaine and sulphate of morphine; to provide a penalty for a violation of the provisions of this act, and for other purposes

And recommend that the substitute do pass.

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

And Senate Bill No. 69, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, was placed on the callendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 78:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2 of 12 S.

Chapter 4147 of the Laws of Florida, entitled, "An act to regulate the carrying of fire arms, approved June the 2d, 1893.

Beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following amendment:

Strike out of Section 1 all after the word "character" beginning on line 3.

And as thus amended, that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

GEO. P. RANEY,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 78, 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 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank, Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 71:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2 and to repeal Section 3 of Chapter 4021, Acts of A. D. 1891, Laws of Florida, relating to appeals from municipal or recorders' courts.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 74:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the method of indexing all instruments relative to real estate, filed for record with the clerks of circuit court, and to prescribe the clerk's compensation therefor, and to repeal Chapter 4140, Laws of 1893, approved June 5, 1893.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 81:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring the judges of courts in this State, in the trial of civil and criminal causes, to charge the jury before argument of counsel.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 91:

A bill to be entitled an act to require the submission of the allegations and issues of fact in divorce proceedings, to a jury for trial.

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

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

And Senate Bill Nos. 71, 74, 81 and 91, contained in the above report, were 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 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate

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

Senate Bill No. 88:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4965, Laws of Florida, the same being entitled "Carnal Intercourse with Unmarried Females, Under Eighteen Years."

Beq leave to report that they have examined the same, and herewith submit as a substitute for same:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend Section 2598 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, the same being entitled 'Carnal intercourse with unmarried female under the age of sixteen years.'" approved May 31st, 1901, being Chapter 4965, Laws of Florida

And recommend that the substitute do pass

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

And Senate Bill No. 88, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate

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

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

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

Very respectfully,
ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 112, 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, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 68:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of W. H. Moseley, of Quincy, Gadsden county, Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 109:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of U. M. Bennett.

Have examined the same and recommend that they do not pass.

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

And Senate Bill Nos. 68 and 109, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Have had the same under consideration and return the same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

P. W. BUTLER,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 17, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Memorial No. 57:

A memorial to Congress of the United States asking the passage of what is known as the "Brownlow Bill," or such other similar measure having for its purpose the aiding in the building and construction of Hard Surfaced Roads in the several States and Territories.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Memorial No. 57 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 42:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 42 be placed on the calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 42 was placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

MESSAGES FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read.

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 15, 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. 107:

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.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 107 contained in the above message was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Neel moved that the rules be waived and that—

House Bill No. 107:

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

Be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 107 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Neel moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 107 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 107 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, Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel,

Raney, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of 7th, Wilson of 4th—26.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 107 was passed title as stated.

Mr. Neel moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 107 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 107 was so certified.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 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. 56:

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

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH RYNUM.

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 56 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 15, 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 Adopted—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 11:

Relative to the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the State convict camps.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 11, contained in the above message, was read the first time and laid over under the rules.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 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 adopted—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 15:

Relative to the water hyacinth in Santa Fee Lake.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 15, contained in the above message, was read the first time and laid over under the rules.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 15, 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 adopted—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14:

Relative to the appointment of a joint committee on arrangements to visit Pensacola, Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The President appointed Messrs. Butler, Blount and MacWilliams as the committee on the part of the Senate.

The Senate recurred to bills on second reading.

Senate Bill No. 56:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Neel was granted permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 56.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 25:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the following committee amendment:

Strike out the word "shall" in the third line of Section 2, and insert the word "may" in its stead.

Mr. Raney moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 25, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 16:

A bill to be entitled an act making adultery the only cause or ground for which divorces may be granted in this State.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 16 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the following committee amendment:

Strike out the words "constable as the case may be," in

lines 10 and 11 of Section 1, and insert the words "justice of the peace."

Mr. Raney moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 26, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 27 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 28:

A bill to be entitled an act making sheriffs' 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.

Was taken up.

Mr. McCreary asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 28.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 28 was withdrawn.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 32 be placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 32 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

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 4563, Laws of Florida, 1897.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 40 be placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 40 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—

Mr. Wilson of the 4th offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 32:

Be it resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby directed to provide for the exclusive use of the enrolling committee of the Senate, a room in the Capitol on the same floor with the Senate chamber.

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

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crews 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, Fla., April 15, 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. 6:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Mayor and Town Council of the town of Starke to issue bonds to complete a system of water works for said town.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 6, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Crews moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 6 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House bill No. 6:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Mayor and Town Council of the town of Starke to issue bonds to complete a system of water works for said town.

Was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Crews moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 6 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And House Bill No. 6 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. Blitch, Blount, Brown, Crews, Crill, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Palmer, Raney, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Scott moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Friday, April 17, 1903.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, 31 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present, Senator Peacock being absent.

Prayer by Rev. E. Trice of the Baptist Church.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

Mr. Peacock was excused from attendance on account of sickness.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 98:

Proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the Legislative Department.

Having been printed according to the order of the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. McCreary offered the following:
Senate Resolution No. 33:

Whereas, The only means of communication by the citizens of the town of Melrose, situated in the counties of Alachua, Bradford, Clay and Putnam, is by means of steamer to Waldo; and,

Whereas, The water hyacinths are increasing so rapidly in Lake Santa Fee that it is only a question of a few weeks when all navigation will be stopped; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce and Navigation be instructed to investigate the increasing obstruction on Lake Santa Fee and report to this body, by bill or otherwise, the best means of removing the hyacinths from said waterway.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be waived and that committee reports be taken up and now considered:

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Butler, Chairman of the Committee to make Arrangements for visit of Legislature to Pensacola, submitted the following report:

Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:..

Your joint committee appointed to make arrangements for the visit of the Governor and his Cabinet, and other State officials, and the members of the Legislature, to Pensacola on Saturday, April 18th, beg leave to respectfully report that the Seaboard Air Line and Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. have named a rate of \$3.50 for the round trip, leaving Tallahassee this afternoon at 3:25 p. m. on the regular train, arriving at Pensacola at 10:50 p. m., and good to return on any regular train up to and including Monday, April 20th.

Your committee further reports that it is in receipt of telegraphic information from Hon. S. R. Mallory, United

States Senator, and Hon. C. M. Jones, Mayor of Pensacola, advising that arrangements are being perfected for the entertainment of the party while in Pensacola, and that hotel accommodation is being looked after.

Your committee recommends that when the Legislature adjourns today, it adjourn until Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, so that those who may desire can spend two days in Pensacola.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. BUTLER,

Chairman,

W. A. MACWILLIAMS,

W. A. BLOUNT.

of the Committee on the part of the Senate

SCOTT M. LOFTIN,

Chairman,

DEWITT WEBB,

JNO. B. JOHNSTON,

of the Committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Butler moved the adoption of the report.

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Governor.

Mr. Law, Chairman of the Special Committee on Acoustic Properties of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—The Committee on Acoustic Properties of the Senate Chamber do most respectfully report, That wires have been stretched across the chamber as an experiment, and which we hope will prove beneficial.

Very respectfully,

C. FABIAN LAW,

Chairman of Committee.

The report was ordered spread on the Journal.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank, Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 116:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the city of Fernandina, in the State of Florida, to proceed to lithograph or print and issue the one hundred and fifty municipal bonds, aggregating seventy-five thousand dollars, and the coupons attached, heretofore approved by two-thirds of the specially qualified registered voters of said city, actually voting at an election held in the several wards in said city, on the 17th day of March, A. D. 1902, under the provisions of Chapter 4713 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to provide for the issue of bonds by the city of Fernandina, for municipal purposes, and to authorize said city to value property taxable within the limits for taxation, and to assess and collect taxes levied thereon by said city;" approved May 25th, 1899. And an ordinance of said city passed pursuant thereto, approved February 7th, 1902, in certain words and figures prescribed for the issuance of the same, and to declare valid the issuance of said bonds and interest coupons attached, in the words and figures in and by this act, authorized and prescribed upon the same being executed and signed as provided; and curative of the omission specified and of any want of power, real or apparent, in said city to so issue the same.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that said Bill No. 116 do pass.

Very respectfully,
 GUY GILLEN,
 Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Williams moved that the rules be waived.

And,

Senate Bill No. 116:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the city of Fernandina, in the State of Florida, to proceed to lithograph or print and issue the one hundred and fifty municipal bonds, aggregating seventy-five thousand dollars, and the coupons attached, heretofore approved by two-thirds of the specially qualified registered voters of said city, actually voting at an election held in the several wards in said city, on the 17th day of March, A. D. 1902, under the provisions of Chapter 4713 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to provide for the issue of bonds by the city of Fernandina, for municipal purposes, and to authorize said city to value property taxable within the limits for taxation, and to assess and collect taxes levied thereon by said city;" approved May 25, 1899. And an ordinance of

said city passed pursuant thereto, approved February 7th, 1902, in certain words and figures prescribed for the issuance of the same, and to declare valid the issuance of said bonds and interest coupons attached, in the words and figures, in and by this act authorized and prescribed upon the same being executed and signed as provided; and curative of the omission specified and of any want of power, real or apparent, in said city to so issue the same.

Contained in the above report be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And Senate Bill No. 116 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Williams moved that the rules be further waived and Senate Bill No. 116 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 116 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, Blich, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Palmer, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson of 7th, Wilson of 4th—28.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 116 was passed, title as stated.

Mr. Williams moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 116 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 116 was so certified.

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

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank, Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 58:

A Bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the purchase

of a site, and for the erection thereon of a residence for the use of the Governor of the State, and for an appropriation for that purpose.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 76:

A bill to be entitled an act for the erection, building and furnishing of a mansion for the governor of the State of Florida, to purchase a site for same, and making an appropriation for such purpose.

Have had said bills under consideration, and beg to offer Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bills Nos. 58 and 76:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the purchase of a site, and for the erection thereon of a residence for the use of the Governor of the State and for an appropriation for that purpose.

And recommend that said substitute do pass.

Very respectfully,

JOHN NEEL,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 58 and 76, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, 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 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank, Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organizations submitted the following report:

Senate Bill No. 127:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the city charter of the city of Tampa, and to provide for its government, jurisdiction, powers and duties.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that said Bill No. 127 do pass.

Very respectfully,

GUY GILLEN,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Palmer moved that the rules be waived—

And,

Senate Bill No. 127:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the city charter of

the city of Tampa, and to provide for its government, jurisdiction, powers and duties.

Contained in the above report, be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 127 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Palmer offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 127:

Strike out all of page 25 and insert in lieu thereof the following page as page 25:

various wards of the said city; Provided, That there shall not be a less number of polling places than one for each three hundred electors as shown by the last preceding election.

Section 44. All the property within the city taxable for State purposes shall be assessed and listed for the purpose of taxation on the city tax assessment roll, and railway and railroad companies, including street railways, shall be subject to assessment and taxation on all real estate and personal property, save and except rolling stock, which may be assessed by the Comptroller as now provided by law, owned by them within the limits of the corporation in the same manner and at the same ratio of valuation as other property; and it shall be the duty of the city tax assessor and collector, between the first Monday in January and the first Monday in July in each year, to ascertain by diligent inquiry all taxable property, both personal and real estate, in the city of Tampa, and the names of the persons owning the same on the first Monday in January in each year, and to make an assessment of all such taxable property. He shall visit and inspect all real estate, unless acquainted therewith, and the improvements thereon, and fix a valuation on the same, and shall require the owners of personal property to return and value the same under oath; but in case the owners of personal property neglect or refuse to return their personal property the assessor and collector of taxes shall assess the same and fix a valuation thereon, and any person or persons refusing to make such returns under oath shall not be permitted afterwards to reduce the valuation by such assessor and collector of taxes on his personal property for that year. The asses-

essor and collector of taxes is hereby authorized to administer oaths to all persons returning their personal property.

Section 45. All property, both real and personal, shall be assessed to the owner thereof, and if the owner is unknown, and after proper effort the assessor and collector of taxes fails to ascertain the owner thereof, the same may be assessed as unknown.

Mr. Palmer moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 127 as amended was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank, Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 44.

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

Have had the same under consideration and report Senate Bill No. 44 without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and—

Senate Bill No. 44.

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

Contained in above report, be read a second time in full.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 44 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 44 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 44 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, Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Gillen, Kirk, Law, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of 7th, Wilson of 4th.—24.

Nays—Messrs. Neel, and Scott.—2.

So Senate Bill No. 44 was passed, title as stated.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 44 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 44 was so certified.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank, Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 101.

A bill to be entitled an act to define the grades of instruction which shall be taught in the uniform system of public free schools of Florida; to require instruction of certain grades in certain schools, and to provide for inspection, penalties and appropriations incident to carrying the provisions of this act into effect.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that said Bill No. 101 do pass and 200 copies be printed.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 101, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Carson moved that 200 copies of Senate Bill No. 101 be printed as recommended by the committee.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank, Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 105:

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

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that said Bill No. 105 do pass and 200 copies be printed.

Very respectfully.

C. A. CARSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 105, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. Carson moved that 200 copies of Senate Bill No. 105 be printed, as recommended by the committee.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCaskill, Chairman of the Committee on Public Roads and Highways, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Public Roads and Highways, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 35:

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

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

Insert word "property" after word "personal," in 3d line of second page.

Very respectfully.

E. V. McCASKILL,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 35, contained in the above report, together with the amendments thereto, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Memorial No. 57:

A Memorial to Congress of the United States asking the passage of what is known as the "Brownlow Bill," or such other similar measure having for its purpose the aiding in the building and construction of Hard Surfaced roads in the several states and Territories.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 16:

A bill to be entitled an act making adultery the only cause or ground for which divorces may be granted in this State.

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

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Memorial No. 57 and Senate Bill No. 16, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 25:

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

Also,

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.

Also,

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.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 42.

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

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

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills No. 25, 26, 27, and 42, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. McCaskill, Chairman of the Committee on Forestry- submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of pine forests in the State of Florida and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

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

Very respectfully,

E. V. McCASKILL,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 92, contained in the above report, was place on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. McCaskill, Chairman of the Committee on Forestry- submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Forestry, to whom was re-

ferred—

Senate Bill No. 97:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing the time for cutting turpentine boxes in the State of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,

E. V. McCASKILL,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 97, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Scott moved that the Committee on Finance and Taxation be requested to return Senate Bill No. 111 to the Senate.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 64:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for free school books in the counties of this State, and to authorize the levy of a special tax in each county for that purpose.

Have had the same under consideration, and report a committee substitute for said bill, with the following title:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for free school books in the counties of this State.

And the committee recommend the passage of the substitute.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 64, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, 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 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 114:

A bill to be entitled an act to revoke and abolish the
present municipal government of the town of New Smyrna
and to organize a city government for the said town.

Have had the same under consideration and recom-
mend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

GUY GILLEN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 114, 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 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organiza-
tion, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 126:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate and establish
a municipal government for the town of Tarpon Springs,
in Hillsborough county, Florida, provide for its govern-
ment, prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, and to abol-
ish the present corporation of said town.

Have had the same under consideration and recom-
mend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

GUY GILLEN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 126, 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 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on City and County Organization,

to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 107.

A bill to be entitled 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 had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,
GUY GILLEN,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 107, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Crill, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 111.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for and require the payment of taxes on franchises, and to prescribe the method for the return and payment of said taxes.

Respectfully return the same to the Senate for the purpose of having 200 copies printed, as provided by a resolution adopted April 17.

Very respectfully,
E. S. CRILL,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Scott moved that 200 copies of Senate Bill No. 111, contained in the above report, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 84:

Proposing an amendment to Section 1, Article 10, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to homestead exemptions.

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

Very respectfully,
 THOMAS PALMER,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 84, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Palmer, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 54.

A joint resolution relative to calling a convention under Article V. of the Constitution of the United States, to pass 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 had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,
 THOMAS PALMER,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 54, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Palmer, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

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.

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

Very respectfully,
 THOMAS PALMER,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 43, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Palmer, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

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.

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

Very respectfully,
 THOMAS PALMER,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 38, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Palmer, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 24:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 18 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to county courts.

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

Very respectfully,
 THOMAS PALMER,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 24, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Palmer, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

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.

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

Very respectfully,
 THOMAS PALMER,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Palmer, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4:

Proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article 12 of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that, with amendment by striking out 10 mills and inserting 7 mills, in line 4, Section 8, it do pass.

Very respectfully,
THOMAS PALMER,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, contained in the above report, together with the amendment thereto, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Palmer, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 110:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida, providing for the distribution of moneys collected by direct taxation for school purposes.

Have had the same under consideration and herewith return it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,
THOMAS PALMER,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 110, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Palmer, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
 Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 123:

Proposing an amendment to Section 6, of Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to county officers.

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

Very respectfully,
THOMAS PALMER,
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 123, 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 17, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 103.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the reimbursement of the owners of property by the several counties of the State of Florida from the money derived from the hire of State and county prisoners upon the due proof of the larceny of such property, and upon conviction for such larceny in a court of competent jurisdiction.

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. 103, 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 17th, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 66:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1310 Revised Statutes, so as to prescribe regulations for calling circuit judges into the Supreme Court to hear and determine matters pending before the court, in the place of

justices thereof, who shall be disqualified or disabled from interest, sickness or other cause; and to define the cases wherein circuit judges shall or may be called into the Supreme Court to hear and determine matters therein pending.

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

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

And Senate Bill No. 66, 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 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

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.

Beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following amendment:

In line 6 of section 1 strike out the word "ten", the same being the third word of said line, and insert in lieu thereof the word "five."

At the end of section 1 add the following:

"Provided that such per diem and mileage shall not be paid to more than two witnesses subpoenaed to prove any one particular fact; and, provided further, that such jurors and witnesses, when called or picked up, subpoenaed or summoned on the grounds or at the place of trial shall not receive any mileage whatever."

And as amended, that the same do pass.

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

And Senate Bill No. 31, contained in the above report, together with the amendments thereto, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

The Senate recurred to the—

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 128:

A bill to be entitled an act to require the sleeping car companies and railroad companies operating sleeping cars in this State to separate white and colored passengers; and to require such passengers to comply with the regulations for their separate accommodations.

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

By Mr. Scott:

Senate Bill No. 129:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring water companies to clean tanks and flush mains.

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

By Mr. Butler:

Senate Bill No. 130:

A bill to be entitled an act to make it the duty of the Governor to appoint a State auditor and assistant State auditor, to define their powers and duties, and fix their compensation and for the employment of clerical assistance.

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

By Mr. Butler:

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.

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

By Mr. MacWilliams:

Senate Bill No. 132:

A bill to be entitled an act to punish the delivery and transmitting of false and libelous statements.

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

By Mr. Whidden:

Senate Bill No. 133:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the board of county commissioners in and for any county of the State whenever the State Board deems it advisable, to have abstracted any and all of writing recorded or to be recorded, affecting the real estate situated in said county; and to provide for the fees of the same.

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

By Mr. Whidden:

Senate Bill No. 134:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of W. H. Smith, G. W. Smith, J. N. Smith, and H. W. Smith, heirs of William Smith, deceased.

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

By Mr. Butler:

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.

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 11:

Relative to a committee to investigate the State convict camps.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on State Prison and Convicts.

Which was agreed to.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 was so referred.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 15:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Committee appointed under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9, to visit the East Florida Seminary at Gainesville, be, and they are hereby instructed to inspect the growth and conditions of water hyacinth in Santafe Lake and adjoining lakes and to re-

port the same to this House and the Senate together with recommendations as to such plans and methods of suppressing the growth and spread of hyacinth in Santafe Lake and adjacent waters they may deem expedient.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. McCreary moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Secretary of State.

The following communication from the Governor was read:

State of Florida,
Executive Department,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following act which originated in your honorable body:

“An act to amend Sections thirty-three, thirty-seven, forty-two and sixty-seven of an act entitled an act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Lake City, in the county of Columbia, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Lake City, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges,” approved May 22nd, 1901.

I have caused the same to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

Yours truly,

W. S. JENNINGS,

Governor.

The following communication from the Secretary of State was read:

Office of the Secretary of State,
State of Florida,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 16th, 1903, containing a copy of a Senate Resolution which is as follows:

"Be it Resolved, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, directed to provide for the exclusive use of the Enrolling Committee of the Senate, a room in the Capitol on the same floor with the Senate Chamber."

Replying thereto I respectfully advise the Senate that all the rooms in the Capitol building on the same floor with the Senate Chamber are occupied by officers of the State as is shown by the diagram attached hereto.

If the Senate desires the use of any of these rooms and will indicate to me which room or rooms they desire I shall request the officer or officers occupying it or them to vacate it or them for the use of the committee of the Senate during the session of the Legislature.

Very respectfully,

H. CLAY CRAWFORD,

Secretary of State.

(The diagram mentioned above is omitted—Secretary.)

By permission—

Mr. Wilson of the 4th offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 34:

Be it resolved, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby directed to provide for the exclusive use of the Enrolling Committee of the Senate the room that opens into the Senate chamber on the right of the entrance to the Senate chamber, on the western side of the Capitol.

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

Mr. Carson moved that further consideration of the resolution be deferred until Monday next.

Which was not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Wilson of the 4th was then agreed to.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

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.

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

The following amendment was read:

In Section 1, lines 6 and 7, strike out the words, "and any one shall be injured by said false statement," and in said line 7, between the words "shall" and "be," insert the words "upon conviction."

Mr. Raney moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

In Section 2, strike out all of said section after the word "was" in line 2, and insert the words "written or purports to have been written."

Mr. Raney moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 41, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 72:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, colored, of Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. Brown moved that Senate Bill No. 72 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 72 was so referred.

Senate Bill No. 94:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the powers of corporations relative to borrowing money, or incurring of indebtedness by them, and authorizing on the part of such corporations the power to execute mortgages or trust deeds to secure their indebtedness, and defining the rights of the purchasers or their assigns, of the property of said corporation under such trust deeds or foreclosure of such mortgages.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 94 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Senate Bill No. 109.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of U. M. Bennett.

Was taken up.

Mr. Sams moved that Senate Bill No. 109 be recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 109 was so referred.

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

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 112 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 4:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4972, Laws of Florida, being "An act making incurable insanity a ground for divorce of husband and wife, and regulating proceedings in such cases."

Was taken up.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) offered the following—

Substitute for House Bill No. 4:

A bill to be entitled an act making adultery the only Cause or Ground for which Divorces May be Granted in This State:

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. That no divorce from the bonds of matrimony shall be granted by the courts of this State except in cases where the defendant in the suit for divorce has been guilty of adultery. If it shall appear to the Court that the adultery complained of was occasioned by collusion of the parties, and done with the intention to procure a divorce, or that both parties have been guilty of adultery, no divorce shall be decreed. Provided, This act shall not in any way affect the rights of parties who have suits now pending in any of the courts of this State.

Section 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect on July 1st, 1903.

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the substitute.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Palmer moved that House Bill No. 4 be indefinitely postponed.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

And Senate Bill No. 17 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 68:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of W. H. Moseley of Quincy, Gadsden county, Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. Scott asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 68.

Which was granted, and Senate Bill No. 68 was withdrawn.

Upon call of the roll on the motion to indefinitely postpone the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President; Messrs. Blount, Butler, Crill, Dimick, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCreary, Miller, Palmer, Roney, Rouse, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 7th—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Blitch, Brown, Carson, Crews, Faulkner, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson of 4th—14.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer moved that the vote by which House Bill No. 4 was indefinitely postponed be reconsidered.

Mr. Palmer moved that the rules be waived and that the motion to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 4 was indefinitely postponed, be now reconsidered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Harris moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Which was agreed to.

At 11:50 o'clock—

Mr. Gillen moved that the Senate go into executive session.

Which was agreed to.

The doors were closed.

At 12:15 o'clock—

The doors were opened.

The President in the Chair.

The roll being called, 30 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present—Messrs. Wadsworth and Peacock being absent.

Mr. Kirk moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 4 o'clock p. m. Monday.

Which was agreed to.
Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 4 o'clock
p. m. Monday, April 20, 1903.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Thomas M. Shackelford, Evelyn C. Maxwell and Robert
S. Cockrell, to be Justices of the Supreme Court of the
State of Florida.

Neil M. Alred, to be State's Attorney in and for the
Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Herbert S. Phillips, to be State's Attorney in and for
the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

MONDAY APRIL 20, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, 29 Senators answered to their
names, showing a quorum present, Senators Peacock,
Whidden and Williams being absent.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

Mr. Wilson of 7th asked that Mr. Whidden be excused
from attendance on account of sickness.

Mr. Whidden was excused.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Gillen :

Senate Bill No. 136:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judges of
the Circuit Courts of the State of Florida to employ a
Stenographer for their respective circuits and define their
duties and fix their compensation.

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

By Mr. Gillen :

Senate Bill No. 137:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a commission to in-
vestigate all claims against the Indian War Claims Fund
and report conclusions of law and fact to the Governor
and provide for the compensations and expenses of such
commission; and providing the duties of the Governor
in the premises.