

ernor and provide for the compensations and expenses of such commission, and providing the duties of the Governor in the premises.

Was taken up.

Mr. Gillen moved that Senate Bill No. 137 be placed on table, subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 287:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of parties who have bought land from the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and whose title has failed.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Whidden moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 287 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 287 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, Blitch, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Gillen, Kirk, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 4th.—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Sams moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate adjourned until 4 o'clock p. m. Monday, May 18, 1903.

MONDAY, MAY 18, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, 30 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th being absent.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th asked that Mr. Wilson of the 4th be excused until Thursday.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th was excused.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Palmer offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 46:

Be it Resolved by the Senate, That whenever any bill or resolution is upon second or third reading of the calendar, is reached in regular order, and the consideration of the same is temporarily passed by the request of any Senator, the said bill or resolution, as the case may be, shall forthwith go to and be placed at the foot of the calendar of the reading in which said bill or resolution may be at such time.

Mr. Palmer moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Brown.

Senate Bill No. 335:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the placing of impure food of any kind on tables for consumption by guests or boarders in any hotel or boarding house in this State.

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

By Mr. Stockton:

Senate Bill No. 336:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the offering of special inducements in the nature of premiums to attract trade; and requiring those selling or furnishing for a valuable consideration stamps, tickets, or other devices to be used to attract trade to redeem in cash such stamps, tickets, or other devices, and fixing and requiring the payment of special license taxes by those dealing in or using such stamps, tickets or other devices, or giving or offering premiums, prizes, or other similar inducements to attract trade.

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

By Mr. Stockton:

Senate Bill No. 337:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph L. Pickett, as administrator of the estate of James A. Pickett, deceased.

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

By Mr. Stockton:

Senate Bill No. 338:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1793 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to the right of married women to dispose of their real and personal property by last will and testament, so as to limit such rights under certain circumstances.

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

By Mr. Stockton:

Senate Bill No. 339:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the fraudulent use and wilful waste of electricity, gas or water, and the fraudulent or wilful tampering with or injury of meters intended to measure electricity, gas or water.

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

By Mr. Stockton:

Senate Bill No. 340:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2263 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, requiring the stopping of passenger cars and locomotive engines at railroad crossings, so that the same will be applicable to freight trains, street cars, and street car track crossings, and providing penalties for a violation thereof.

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

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By Mr. Neel:

Senate Bill No. 341:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 609, Chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

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. 342:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Palatka and Ocala Railway Company, and to confer powers thereupon.

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

By Mr. Palmer:

Senate Bill No. 343:

A bill to be entitled an act amending Section 18 of Chapter 5014 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "an act to regulate the holding of political primary elections in the State of Florida, for nominating candidates for any office under the laws of this State, and for nominating delegates to political conventions," approved May 31, 1901.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 141:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections two thousand two hundred and five (2205), two thousand two hundred and six (2206), and two thousand two hundred and seven (2207), of Sup-Chapter Two (2) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, entitled "Special Provisions for Building and Loan Association."

Also,

Senate Bill No. 313:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning corporations for profit, and fixing the amount of the charter fees and defining certain powers thereof.

Have carefully examine dthe same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,
N. A. BLITCH,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 141 and 313, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Committee on Canals and Telegraph, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Canals and Telegraph, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 256:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the measure of damages in suits against telegraph companies in certain cases.

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

Very respectfully,
E. N. DIMICK,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 256, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 215:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4928, Laws of the State of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the carrying of firearms, approved May 9th, 1901.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 236:

A bill to be entitled an act making costs in criminal cases when defendant is bound over to a county court, a criminal court of record, or a circuit court, or held without bail, payable without awaiting further disposition of the case.

Have carefully examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,
N. A. BLITCH,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 215 and 236, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 249:

A bill to be entitled an act to declare the obtaining of advances of money or supplies upon the part of farm laborers, and the failures to carry out such contract, a misdemeanor, and to fix the penalty therefor.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 251:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect the sponge beds of the State of Florida, and to license non-residents taking sponges therefrom.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,
N. A. BLITCH,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 249 and 251, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 86:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the time for the qualification of electors for all special elections in the State of Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 211:

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

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 86 and 211, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled an act to make tax deeds issued or to be issued under the provisions and in the form pre-

scribed by Chapter 4888, of the Laws of Florida prima-facie evidence of title.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 276:

A bill to be entitled an act to make an appropriation for transportation of the Florida State Troops, and for their pay and subsistence, during encampments, or while participating in practice marches, during the years 1903 and 1904.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 184:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the compensation of sheriffs when going to another State for prisoners.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 205, 276 and 184, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 212:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Dickison, widow of the lamented General J. J. Dickison.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 219:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the holding of Farmers' Institutes in the several counties of the State of Florida, and providing for the payment of the expenses thereof.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 247:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Volusia County Bank, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 212, 219 and 247, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 121:

A bill to be entitled an act to preserve the pine forests of the State of Florida, to regulate the manner and time of cutting and working turpentine boxes; to prescribe the size of pine trees available for saw-mill purposes; turpentine and cross tie purposes and to prescribe a penalty for any violations of the provisions of this act.

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

Very respectfully,

WM. MILLER,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 121, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for and to regulate temporary vacancies by teachers in the public schools of Florida.

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

Very respectfully,
C. A. CARSON,
Chairman of Committee.

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

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 173:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the investment of State School Funds by the State Board of Education of Florida, and authorizing said Board to have such funds or school warrants issued by the counties.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that said Bill No. 172 do pass with the following amendments:

Strike out the words "Empowered and directed" in line 2, section 1, and insert in lieu the following: "And empowered."

And strike out the words "Any one year" in section 1, line 9, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "In aggregated loan at any one time."

Very respectfully,
C. A. CARSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 173, contained in the above report, together with the amendments thereto, 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., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 333:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for testing the legality of elections held to determine whether intoxicating liquors, wines or beers, shall be sold, and to prohibit collateral contests thereof in prosecutions for crime.

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

Very respectfully,

J. B. CREWS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 333, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Blount, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Judicial Circuits, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Joint Committee on Revision of the State into Judicial Circuits, to whom were referred—

Senate Bill No. 250:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the time for holding the terms of the circuit court in and for the Third Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida.

And,

Senate Bill No. 63:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the time for holding the terms of the circuit court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

And,

Senate Bill No. 300:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the times of holding the terms of the circuit court in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

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

By Joint Committee:

Senate Bill No. 344:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the time for holding the terms of the circuit courts in and for the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Judicial Circuits of the State of Florida.

Be substituted therefor.

And recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. A. BLOUNT,

Chairman of Joint Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 344, contained in the above report, was read the first time by its title, and together with Senate Bills Nos. 250, 63 and 300, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Blount, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 304:

A bill to be entitled "an act to amend Sections 2022, 2023, 2025 (as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 4044 of the Laws of Florida) and Section 2029 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, all relating to timber and lumber adrift, and the appointment of a custodian thereof."

Also,

Senate Bill No. 325:

A bill to be entitled an act amending Chapter 4573 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend Section 939 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the examination and licensing of pilots by Pilot Commissioners, approved June 3d, 1897.

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

Very respectfully,

W. A. BLOUNT,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 304 and 325, contained in the

above report, were placed on the calendar of bills second reading.

Mr. Blitch, Chairman of the Committee on Engross Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 252:

A bill to be entitled an act amending Section 8 of an act entitled an act to regulate the holding of political primary elections in the State of Florida, for nominating candidates for any office under the laws of this State and for nominating delegates to political conventions; approved May 31st, 1901.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 177:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 10, chapter 4888, Laws of Florida, entitled "an act to provide for the issue, custody, redemption, sale and transfer of tax sale certificates, and the issue of tax deeds, and prescribing the duties of certain officers in connection therewith," approved May 30, 1901.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,
N. A. BLITCH,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 252 and 177, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

Senate Bill No. 309:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a commission to re-cast, perfect and codify the school laws of Florida, and to submit the same to the next Legislature for enactment.

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

Strike out the words "per diem and" in second line of section 3, and after the word "expenses" in line 2 and 3 of section 3 insert the following: "and no other compensation," and strike out all of section 4, and make section 5 section 4.

Very respectfully,
C. A. CARSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 309, contained in the above report, together with the amendments thereto, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Special Committee on the part of the Senate, to visit the Institute for the Blind Deaf and Dumb, at St. Augustine, Fla., submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee appointed to visit and inspect the Institute for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, at St. Augustine, Fla., beg to submit the following report:

Your Committee have visited and carefully inspected the same in all of its departments.

The administration of the affairs of the Institute seem to be very satisfactory. Taking into consideration the fact that so many disadvantages prevail we are of the opinion that the Superintendent and the Teachers are efficient and doing all they can for the advancement of the students and general interest of the Institute. There are now 51 white and 27 colored students, and the major part seem to be advancing in their studies. We find the premises, bedding, etc., neat and clean; the health of the students good, all of which seem to be bright and cheerful.

The Institute, we find, is poorly equipped, both in the literary and industrial departments, and your committee is of the opinion that the Institute should receive some attention in this line; the principal part of what they have in these departments have been procured by private contributions; the dining room is poorly furnished with table ware.

Your committee finds that the buildings are in no way suitable for an institution of this kind; they are large enough, but built entirely of wood. In the white department the dormitories are composed of two large rooms, one for the males and one for the females; the arrangements for heating are very poor; the stove flues are composed of terra-cotta piping and seemingly constant danger of fire. In the colored department they are arranged in the same manner; this department is situated in the same enclosure and in close proximity to the white department.

Your committee desires to recommend that sufficient land be purchased adjoining the present site for the erection of a building for horticulture purposes, and that a suitable building be erected thereon for the white students, and that said building be built of brick or some inflammable material and sufficiency large for dormitories, recitation rooms and industrial departments and gymnasium; the building now in use to be set apart for the colored students and used until they can be supplanted by a more substantial building; we find that there is an eight acre lot adjoining and south of the present site that can be purchased at a reasonable price, and recommend the purchase of the same.

We further recommend the passage of a law changing the management of the Institute to a Board of Trustees, consisting of five, to be appointed by the Governor.

In the opinion of your committee, the sum of \$75,000.00 for the purchasing of grounds and the erection of building should be appropriated and the further sum of \$17,000 for current expenses for each of the years 1903 and 1904 should be appropriated.

Very respectfully,
 J. M. N. PEACOCK,
 Chairman of Committee.

J. B. CREWS,
 On part of the Senate.
 R. B. BULLOCK,
 CHAS. L. KNOWLES,
 J. L. SMITH,
 On part of the House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Motion of Mr. Harris to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 207 failed to pass.

Mr. Harris moved that the vote by which House Bill No. 207 failed to pass be reconsidered.

Mr. Harris withdrew the motion to reconsider.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

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.

Was taken up.

Mr. MacWilliams asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 39.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 39 was withdrawn.

Mr. Scott moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 280 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 280:

A bill to be entitled an act defining who are emigration agents; prescribing a tax thereon; also providing a penalty.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 280 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 427 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 427:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Wellborn, in the County of Suwannee.

Was taken up.

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 427 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 427 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 427 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. 427 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crill, Dimick, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams.—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 168:

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

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 168 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Dimick, Gillen, Harris, Law, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams.—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 167:

A joint resolution proposing amendments to Articles 1 and 2 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Florida, amending Section 3, Article 3, and Section 2, Article 7, respectively, of the Constitution of Florida, relating to the election of the members of the Legislature.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Joint Resolution No. 167, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, Miller, Neel, Palmer, Rouse, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams—
24.

Nays—Messrs. Harris, MacWilliams, Peacock, Raney, Sams, Stockton, Wilson of the 7th—7.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 167, having received a majority of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 33:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 5 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.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

Mr. Palmer moved that Senate Bill No. 33 be made a special order for tomorrow, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 166:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 2, article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the meeting of the Legislature.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Joint Resolution No. 166, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, Miller, Neel, Palmer,

Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams—25.

Nays—Messrs. Harris, MacWilliams, Peacock, Stockton, Wilson of the 7th—5.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 166, having received the constitutional majority of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, passed, title as stated.

Senate Substitute for—

House Bill No. 321:

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

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 321, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams. Wilson of the 7th—28.

Nays—None.

So Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 321, passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 112:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section (7) seven of Chapter 4888, Acts of 1901, being an act to provide for the issue, custody, redemption, sale and transfer of tax sale certificates and the issue of tax deeds, and prescribing the duties of certain officers in connection therewith.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 112, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams,—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 231:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing writs of error and appeals to the Supreme Court in civil and criminal cases to be made returnable to a day in a pending term of said court, to require the advancement of certain cases pending in or to be brought therein, and to authorize said court to provide by special orders for the speedy submission and hearing of such cases.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 231, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Law, McCreary, Neel, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th—24.

Nays—MacWilliams—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 195:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to prescribe the mode of procedure in cases of supposed insanity, to provide for competent examination to define the duties of county and circuit judges, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 195, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Kirk, Law, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of the 7th—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

A message was received from the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 326:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the Railroad Commission to apply to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for relief in certain cases.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 326, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blitch, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Harris, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Palmer, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—26.

Nays—Kirk—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 234.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1638 of the Revised Statutes, relative to attachment when debt is not actually due.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 234, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blitch, Blount, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 145:

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

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 145 the vote was

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blitch, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

At 5:15 o'clock—

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

Was taken up.

And the doors were closed.

At 5:20 o'clock the doors were opened.

The roll being called, 30 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present.

Messrs. Miller and Wilson of the 4th being absent.

The following communication was received from the Governor, and ordered spread upon the Journal.

State of Florida,
Executive Department,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

“A Memorial to the Congress of the United States urging the cession by it to the State of Florida of certain portions of the United States Naval Reservation in Escambia county, Florida.”

Also,

“An act to amend Section 26 and 43 of Chapter 4869, being an act to abolish the present municipal government of the city of Lakeland, in the county of Polk, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as Lakeland, and to define its territorial boundary; and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges, approved May 19, 1899.”

Also,

“Concurrent Resolution No. 21, relative to the election of United States Senator by direct vote of the people.”

Also,

“An act to prescribe the compensation to be paid to jurors and witnesses on behalf of the State in the courts of county judges and justices of the peace, and jurors in coroner's inquest.”

Also,

“An act to authorize the Governor to accept any grant by the United States of any part of the Naval Reservation in Escambia County, Florida, and any cession of

sovereignty thereover; and to extend the sovereignty of the State of Florida over the same."

Also,

"An act to except newspapers from the operation of the Sunday laws of the State of Florida."

Also,

"An act authorizing the filing of creditors' bills before the creditor's claim shall have been reduced to judgment."

I beg to further inform you that the said acts have been filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

Yours truly,

W. S. JENNINGS,
Governor.

The Senate resumed consideration of

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

House Bill No. 97:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Clause Third of Section 4 of an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue; approved June 1, 1895, the same being Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Raney moved that House Bill No. 97 be placed back on second reading and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 97 was so referred.

Senate Bill No. 171:

A bill to amend Section 10 of an act to amend Sections 29, 32, 35, 47, 48, 50, 66 and 67, of Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved June 1, 1895.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 171, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott,

Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—29.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 5:

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

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich, Blount, Crill, Dimick, Gillen, Law, Sams, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—14.

Nays—Messrs. Butler, Carson, Crews, Faulkner, Harris, Kirk, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Scott—14.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, having failed to receive the constitutional majority of three-fifths, of all the members elected to the Senate, failed to pass.

House Bill No. 170:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate proceedings before committing magistrates and to provide for the binding over of witnesses to circuit courts, criminal courts of record and county courts, who appear before such committing magistrates, and to provide for a penalty for failure of any committing magistrate to comply with the provisions of this act.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Raney moved that House Bill No. 170 be placed back on second reading and recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 170 was so referred.

Senate Bill No. 298:

A bill to be entitled an act permitting and defining the effect of record contracts to sell and options to buy real estate.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 298, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, 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 the 7th—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 283:

A bill to be entitled an act for the investigation of diseases among domestic animals, and to prevent the spread of contagious disease among such.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 283, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Faulkner, Gillen, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 223:

A bill to be entitled an act to require separate assessments of the property of white and colored taxpayers, to require separate returns of all taxes paid by the same, and to require the comptroller to exhibit the same in his reports.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 223 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 223 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Butler, Crews, Faulkner, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Palmer, Peacock,

Raney, Rouse, Stockton, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson of the 7th—16.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Blitch, Blount, Brown, Carson, Crill, Harris, Kirk, Law, Sams, Scott, Whidden—12.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

By permission—

Mr. Crews introduced—

Senate Bill No. 345:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the garnishment of municipal corporations and public and quasi-public corporations.

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

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

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, May 19, 1903.

CONFIRMATION.

Charles P. Lovell, to be Brigadier-General of the Florida State Troops, for the term of four years.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 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.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th being absent.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Peacock:

Senate Bill No. 346: