

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was agreed to.  
Mr. Palmer moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Friday, May 15, 1903.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, 32 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 45:

Be it resolved by the Senate that the Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills be allowed to employ two additional clerks for said committee.

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

Which was agreed to.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Brown.

Senate Bill No. 328:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum for the years 1903 and 1904 for the purpose in aiding in the holding of a State Agricultural Fair during each of the said years; to provide for the payment thereof and the expenditure of the same.

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

By Mr. Blount:

**Senate Bill No. 329 :**

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate seven hundred and sixty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents to be used for the payment and reimbursement of Escambia county Florida, for money expended by said county in stamping out small pox in the years 1902 and 1903.

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

By Mr. Miller :

**Senate Bill No. 330 :**

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 30, Chapter 4328, Laws of Florida, approved June 7th, 1897, entitled 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 of the State, and to provide for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections, approved May 25, 1895.

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

By Mr. Palmer :

**Senate Bill No. 331 :**

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the County Commissioners of Hillsborough county to appoint an additional game warden or wardens in and for said county.

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

By Mr. McCreary :

**Senate Bill No. 332 :**

A bill to be entitled an act prohibiting owners or operators of railroads, or employees thereof, from blocking crossings of public roads or highways by undue delay in the moving of locomotives, freight, passenger or other cars and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act.

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

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Joint Resolution No. 98:

A Senate Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1, of Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the legislative department.

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

Very respectfully,

THOS. PALMER,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 98, contained in the above report, 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., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 326:

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

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

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 326, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By Mr. Blount:

Senate Bill No. 213:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 940 and repeal Section 941 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to pilots.

Favorably by Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Blount:

Senate Bill No. 218:

A bill to be entitle an act to regulate the kind and size of boats to be used by the bar pilots of the several ports of this State, and to provide for the registering and licensing of such craft.

Committee on Commerce and Navigation report favorably.

Mr. Blitch, Chairman of the Special Committee on the part of the Senate, under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, to visit, inspect and report on the convict camps, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Joint Committee, consisting of Messrs. Blitch and Neel on the part of the Senate and Messrs. Willard, Wilson, Willis and Edwards, on part of the House, appointed under and by authority of House Concurrent Resolution No. 11, to visit, inspect and report to the Legislature of the State of Florida on the various convict camps in the State of Florida, beg to report as follows, to wit:

That the camp of P. E. Baker, at Campville, in Alachua county, Florida, was visited, the prisoners seen and inspected, and found in a good, healthy condition; they were working under the task system, and had by their thrift and energy gained Saturday. Whenever they gained a day they are permitted to remain in the stockade, and are sometimes taken out for a stroll under the protection of guards. We found the stockade and sleeping apartment both clean and in good sanitary condition; that there were separate beds for each convict, and that the beds were furnished with good and clean clothes. We

found twenty-one (21) prisoners in this camp. The food supply was wholesome and amply sufficient to meet the demands of the prisoners.

We also visited Hall & Hall's camp, near Bellview, in Marion county, Florida. We found that the prisoners in this camp were all able to work and in a good healthy condition. We found the stockade and sleeping departments in a good sanitary condition. We also found in this camp separate beds well furnished with bed clothes, and in a clean condition, for each prisoner. There were fifty (50) prisoners in this camp. The food supply was wholesome and amply sufficient to meet the eating demands of the prisoners. As an evidence of the good treatment of the convicts in this camp, we found that there were four or five convicts whose terms of sentence were expired, and that they were remaining with the lessees, and working as free laborers.

Your committee visited the "Marion Farms," or the hospital, near Ocala, in Marion county, Florida, where the sick, decrepid and feeble-bodied prisoners of the State are now incarcerated. These farms were established and are now operated by the Florida Naval Stores and Commission Company, the lessees of the Florida convicts, and were ready for occupancy the first of the year 1903. There are now about thirty (30) prisoners on the farms, all of which are sick, decrepid or feeble-bodied. The farms are in excellent condition, and the prisoners are exceedingly humanely treated. The building in which the prisoners are confined are in the shape of the letter "T." The right wing is composed of the kitchen, dining room and store room, and the other two wings are sleeping departments and the hospital. Everything is in a clean and neat condition, each prisoner is furnished with separate beds and slumber robes, and before retiring for the night is required to take a bath.

Dr. S. R. Blich is the physician in charge, and every medical attention is given the inmates of the hospital, and under his treatment several have already been cured, and returned to the lessees. It is estimated that at least 90 per cent. of those who shall from time to time be placed in the hospital, will be permanently cured and returned to the lessees. Dr. Blich prescribes the diet, labor (if any), and in all things directs the management

of the inmates, and of the hospital. As a testimonial of his fitness for the hospital physician, we are gratified to say that at the time he assumed charge, that there were twenty-two (22) prisoners in bed, all of whom were carried there on stretchers, on or about February 1st, 1903, and that he has by constant attention, medical treatment and needed operations, reduced the number "five," and the remainder are now convalescent, and will in all probability be permanently cured, and will be returned to the camps where they will resume labor.

There is a system of waterworks there, and things are being put in an excellent condition.

There is a stockade around the building, and at each corner is a sentry box. There are three sentries there on duty.

In putting up the buildings, separating the wards, erecting necessary appurtenances, maintaining a good dispensary, and operating room, and in installing water and hygienic sewerage system, in furnishing the wards with sanitary iron bedsteads, good pillows, mattresses, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, mosquito nets, night shirts, and in fitting up a satisfactory eating and cooking department, and arranging for the isolation of contagious diseases, an expenditure has been made of something like twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars, and we are satisfied that this arrangement all shows a spirit of humaneness that has not been heretofore contemplated in this State. And your committee desires to recommend the Florida Naval Stores and Commission Company, the State Board of Institutions, and Commissioner B. E. McLin, for the erection and maintenance of these "farms," or hospital, as we believe that it will conduce to the best interests of the sick, decrepid, and feeble-bodied convicts, and to the best interests of the State.

The farm consists of four hundred (400) acres upon which are many excellent buildings. Mr. W. A. Pelot is the Superintendent of the Farm, and he has one hundred (100) acres planted in velvet beans, eighty-five (85) acres in corn, sixty-five (65) acres to watermelons, forty (40) acres to cantaloupes, sixty (60) acres in pindars, twenty-five (25) acres to sweet potatoes, fifteen (15) acres to sugar-cane, fifteen (15) acres to tomatoes. There is also a fine garden, consisting of Irish potatoes,

beans, onions, cabbage, etc. Of course this farm is worked by free labor, as the inmates are not physically able to perform any labor on the farm. Besides the above crops, Mr. Pelot has one hundred (100) acres planted to pecan trees, and 35,000 pecans in nursery. He also has one hundred grape vines of different varieties, 200 Japan walnuts, 200 black walnuts, 1,200 trifoliata trees, which he will bud with choice varieties of grape fruit and oranges. There are also many fine varieties of peaches, and plums, also some choice stock consisting of cattle and hogs.

At Holmes', near Cleveland, we found 31 convicts, 10 white and 21 colored. None were sick and all were well and able to work. Only one had escaped during the year.

Also at Merritt and Powell's camp, near Gardner, we found 29 convicts, 25 colored, 4 white, there being one woman in this camp. All were healthy except one man that was sick while we were there. There have been no escapes from this camp this year.

Your committee also visited the camps of J. B. McNeil & Co., near Riverland, McNeill Bros. & Co., near Osteen, F. M. Woten near Turnbull, D. W. Monroe & Co. at Del-espine, and S. V. Hough at Center Park. We found all the above mentioned camps in a good sanitary condition, the convicts healthy and cheerful, and apparently well fed. The food was wholesome and well cooked and prepared.

We questioned many of the convicts aside from the lessees and guards, and we did not hear a single complaint with the treatment that they were receiving. At the camp of McNeill Bros. & Co. we found one man sick, and another sick at the camp of S. V. Hough. We were informed by both the lessees and the convicts that the sick received prompt medical attention and were getting along as well as could be expected.

At the camp of S. V. Hough there seemed to be an epidemic of Ja-grippe, and a few days before our visit six men were reported on the sick list in one day; but these had all recovered and were again at work. We do not think that this sickness was brought on by any negligence or carelessness on the part of the lessees, but was the result of climatic changes.

We were informed by the lessees that the men at the above named camps worked on the task plan, and that the convicts usually made all or a part of Saturday, and when they did, they were permitted to lie up and rest, or to work the day for themselves, for which they were paid. At one camp a white man who was a trusty had bought a horse and after keeping the horse for a few weeks, sold him at a profit. We visited the camp of D. W. Monroe & Co., on Sunday, and found the convicts all dressed in clean clothes, and quite a number smoking cigars and cheroots.

The cooking departments are furnished with brick, ovens and good cooking stoves, and the food, such as beans, bacon, corn bread, vegetables, and we were informed fresh meats twice or three times a week, and it was all wholesome. Upon being questioned privately, the prisoners informed us that punishments were seldom ever administered, and the guards and lessees verified this statement of the prisoners.

We arrived at Newberry Monday, April 27th, at 2 o'clock p. m., and immediately proceeded to B. F. Dutton & Co.'s phosphate camps. We drove out six miles to the mines, where the convicts were at work, mining phosphate, thence to the stockade, and a thorough examination of their eating, sleeping, dressing and bathing and washing departments. The sleeping room contained about 150 iron bedsteads, with springs, mattresses, sheets, pillows, pillow-cases, together with night gowns hanging on or near the beds for each convict. The room and contents were in first class condition. We found the bath and dressing room supplied with an abundant supply of water, and ample conveniences for washing and bathing. The water closets are well supplied with water, and there was a complete system of water works running through the entire quarters. The dining room was then examined and found to be in good sanitary condition. The food was well cooked wholesome, and of good quality. Vegetables, fresh beef, bacon, potatoes, bread, grits, were furnished in rotation, that is, some one day and some another. The commissary was well supplied with provisions, clothes, shoes, etc., for the convicts. We remained until the convicts came in from their work, and then made a close examination

of them and found them in good condition, and no sign of severe or inhuman punishment.

We heard no complaint from the convicts. The convicts were then turned into the washing and bathing rooms, where they all took a good clean bath before entering the dining room. They were then taken into the dining room, where they were served with a good and substantial meal.

We then drove back to Newberry and boarded the freight train at 8 o'clock a. m. on the morning of the 28th of April last for Dunnellon. We left Dunnellon at 4:30 p. m. for Buttgenbach's mine, one and one-half miles from Dunnellon, and there found the convicts at work mining phosphate, examined the stockade, had the men brought in and found them in good condition, with no signs of any recent or severe punishment. The cooking department was well and conveniently arranged, and in good sanitary condition. The food was ample, wholesome and well prepared, with a good variety. The sleeping department was clean, well and amply furnished with bunks, mattresses, pillows, pillow cases, sheets and night gowns for the convicts. No serious complaints from men. We then drove one mile to the headquarters, or what is to be head quarters when completed.

These headquarters are situated on a high and healthy location.

The convicts had been brought in from work, and were examined and found to be in good condition. There were no serious complaints from the convicts. We examined the various departments and found them clean and in good sanitary condition. The food was well cooked and of good quality. The sleeping room was well furnished with bunks, mattresses, etc. We then drove to Hoder about six miles, arriving there about 10 o'clock p. m., and found the men sleeping; had them waked up and made a close examination of them, and found them in good spirits and cheerful, and in first class condition. There were no signs of punishment. We examined the food and found it well prepared and wholesome and in sufficient quantity. The sleeping departments were clean and sanitary and furnished with bunks, mattresses, pillows, pillow cases and sheets, etc., to make the convicts

comfortable. This camp has about 80 convicts. Your Committee then left Holder at 5:30 a. m. for Inverness, 15 miles distant, and from there to Ward & Co.'s turpentine farm, where we examined the stockade, cooking and eating and sleeping and washing departments, and found them each in good order and condition. We then drove four miles in the woods to where the men were at work, and found them looking healthy, strong and cheerful, and no signs of severe or inhuman punishment.

We then drove to Floral City, and boarded the train at 5:30 p. m., and arrived in Dade City at 7 o'clock p. m., and left at 8 o'clock p. m. and drove ten miles to Downing & Blount's camp, where we inspected the camp and the men. We found the convicts at breakfast at 4:30 a. m., which was plentiful, well cooked and wholesome. The sleeping and bath rooms were well furnished and in a clean condition. The facilities for washing and bathing were excellent. We examined the men very closely, and found no signs of severe punishment. The cooking department was in a clean and neat condition, and the food well prepared and wholesome. There were no complaints from the men. There are about 25 convicts in this camp.

We then boarded the train at 5:30 o'clock for Tampa, and arrived there at 7:30, and then left for Gulf City, arriving at the landing at 12 o'clock, and walked out to the camp, two miles distant, inspected the stockade and found it only in fair condition. The sleeping room was furnished with bunks, mattresses, pillows, pillow cases, sheets, etc. The cooking was only fairly well done. We found two women in this camp doing the washing and cooking for the other convicts, and upon a thorough investigation found that both of them had been unmercifully whipped on several occasions.

We then drove in the woods about four miles where the men were at work chipping turpentine trees and dipping gum. We made an examination of the convicts and found that several of the men had been most brutally whipped. We found scars on the sides and backs of the men as large as "batter cakes," and still sore from the whipping of several months previous. However, the management and captain has been changed, and from the best information

that we could procure, we were convinced that the treatment of the convicts is now much better. There are 25 convicts in this camp, and C. L. Williams is the sub-lessee.

We then drove 15 miles to Parrish, arriving there about 11 o'clock p. m. and at 6 o'clock a. m. took team and drove out to McKinney's camp and found there 25 convicts. We inspected the stockade, eating, sleeping and cooking departments, and found the bedding good and clean. The cooking was good and the food plentiful. We drove 6 miles in the woods and found the convicts at work, and heard no complaints from them. We examined them carefully and found no signs of being over-whipped or cruelly treated. There was no complaints about the food.

We then drove 8 miles to McClane & Co.'s camp, inspected the stockade and found it in good order. We then examined the cooking, sleeping and eating departments. There were bunks, mattresses, pillows, sheets, pillow cases, etc., in the sleeping departments. The coking was good, the food wholesome, the dining room in fair condition. We then drove out in the woods 5 miles to where the men were at work dipping gum and chipping trees. Examined the men carefully and found no trace or signs on them indicating that they had been over-whipped or cruelly treated. We then examined the dinner buckets and found a sufficient supply of food for them, and it was well prepared. We then drove back to Parrish and took the train for Ocala, and drove out and examined the "Marion Farms," or the "Hospital," the report on this precedes, and will be found in the first part of this report.

We arrived at O'Brien's Monday afternoon, May 4th, inst., and remained over night. Examined Williams Bros. camp, that day and found the stockade in good sanitary condition. There were plenty of bunks, mattresses, pillows, pillow cases and gowns, etc., for the accommodation of the men. There was a sufficiency of water for the bathing of the men. We then drove twelve miles to the woods to where the men were at work, and inspected them, and found no signs of the convicts having been cruelly or ill-treated. The food supply was abundant, and exceedingly well prepared. There were about 25 convicts in this camp.

We then drove back to O'Brien, and then to Daniel's camp in Lafayette county, and arrived there about sundown. The convicts came in and we made a very careful inspection of them, and found that they had not been over punished with the strap. There was the best of feeling among the convicts and between them and the guards, lessees and managers. The stockade was clean, the sleeping room in good order and condition, and was well furnished with bunks, mattresses, pillows, sheets, etc. The dining room and cooking department was in a clean condition, and the food supply sufficient and well cooked. In the bath room there was a bath tub 12x4 by 3 feet supplied with water from the tank, in which the convicts were required to carefully bathe themselves before retiring for the night. The camp is in first class condition in every respect. There were about 25 convicts in this camp.

On the afternoon of the 6th inst. we drove 5 miles to Renfroe's camp near Mayo. We found the convicts at breakfast, inspected them carefully and found that they had not been over whipped or inhumanely treated. The food supply was abundant and well cooked. Both the sleeping and cooking departments were in fairly good condition. There were no complaints from the convicts of a serious nature. On the 7th ult. four or five of the convicts made a break for liberty, beat the night guard, and one made his escape, but was captured and returned to camp. We then left there and came to Tallahassee. Your Committee visited the camps of Barrinau Bros. at Muscogee, situated 20 miles from Pensacola, on the 9th inst. We found 17 convicts, one white and 16 negroes. We examined the eating, sleeping and cooking departments and found them in a good sanitary condition. The sleeping department was supplied with bunks, mattresses, pillows, sheets, etc., for the comfort of the men. There was a sufficient supply of wholesome food and well cooked. We found that the convicts had not been unreasonably punished. We would recommend that the ceiling on the walls of the sleeping department be at least two feet higher in order that the ventilation may be improved upon whether they increase the number of the convicts.

We then visited Adams' convict camp near Caryville on the 10th inst., it being Sunday. We found the convicts

in the stockade, and on examination we found the sleeping and cooking departments in fair condition. The men were looking healthy and strong. We heard no complaints from the convicts that they were being over worked, or over whipped, and they said that they were receiving enough to eat. There were no marks on them to indicate that they had been inhumanely punished. This camp has 22 men, two women. One had escaped up to this date, and had not been re-captured.

Your committee also visited the camp of Dunn and Hargraves, situated in Pasco county. There were 37 convicts in this camp, 3 white, and one woman. The location of the camp is good and healthy. The white convicts eat and sleep in separate apartments from the colored. There was no sickness in this camp. The stockade was in fairly good condition. The convicts look well and healthy. The bedding was all good and neat, and the food supply was ample and sufficient for the needs of the convicts. There were no complaints from the men, and no evidence of cruel and inhumane treatment. The only complaint of this camp is that the bathing facilities are incomplete and insufficient.

We also visited the camp of J. R. Powell & Co., situated in Hernando county, and found the camp situated in a desirable and healthy location. There are 48 prisoners, all men, and colored, in this camp. There was no sickness, at the time of our visit. This camp is a model one for cleanliness and neatness. The convicts sleep in clean apartments and upon neat and clean double mattresses, and there are plenty of blankets, sheets, pillows, etc., in this camp for the men. The sanitary condition of this camp is excellent. The convicts are supplied with an abundance of provisions, such as meat, flour, cornbread, vegetables, rice, etc., which articles of food are alternated. There were no complaints from the men, and no evidence of any cruel or inhumane treatment of the prisoners.

We also visited the camp of Deason and Henderson, now Hillman & Iveys, in Pasco county, and found 35 men in this camp, one white, one woman, and 34 black men. This camp is in fine condition, clean and in a good sanitary condition. There was no sickness among the convicts in this camp. The convicts look well and healthy.

There is an abundance of food well prepared for them here at this camp. The sleeping department is clean, well supplied with beds, mattresses, sheets, pillows, etc. There is no evidence of any cruelty on the part of the management to the convicts, and we heard no complaints from the prisoners.

Your committee, in conclusion, wish to commend the present administration upon the varied improvements that have been made in the management of the convicts throughout the State, and particularly the harmony and co-operation that seems to prevail among all the departments in the management of the State prisoners.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. BLITCH,  
JOHN NEEL,

Committee on the Part of the Senate.

Mr. Crill, Chairman of the Special Committee on the part of the Senate to visit the State Normal School at DeFuniak Springs, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your joint committee, appointed to visit the State Normal School at DeFuniak Springs, respectfully submit the following report:

We visited the State Normal School at DeFuniak Springs, April 25th, making as thorough an investigation as possible.

A majority of the committee having visited the school two years ago, were able to judge of the result of the expenditures recommended at that time, and allowed by the Legislature.

The library and gymnasium building have been built and have been of great benefit.

The Model School building, recommended two years ago, has been built, and is well adapted and arranged for its purpose.

The water plant has been installed, as suggested, by the use of an hydraulic ram, and furnishes an abundance of water.

We regret to say that the amount appropriated for the gymnasium and water plant system was not sufficient to complete the water plant or gymnasium buildings. The increase in price of all building materials and piping, was the reason this work was not completed within the appropriation.

The buildings consist of:

First: A one-story building, containing hall 30x70 feet, and four recitation rooms, two, 30x30, and two, 20x25. Also, the library building with two rooms, which are used for recitation rooms. The gymnasium building and the Model School building (new). The former Model School building is now used as the principal's office.

Second: The dormitory for young women, two-story and a half building, rooms finished in upper story since last session of the Legislature.

Third—The dormitory for young men, of twelve rooms, six furnished by State. This building is not at all adopted for the purpose for which it is used.

Fourth: A small building formerly used as a dormitory unsuitable for such purpose, is now rented for five dollars per month.

The school buildings are all in good repair. Fences need repairing or rebuilding.

We attended the class recitations, and found everything moving on smoothly; students and teachers entering upon their work with interest, the students thoroughly impressed with the importance of their chosen profession.

The enrollment has been greater than any previous year.

Number enrolled, males .....	50
Number enrolled, females .....	83
Total .....	133

Of this number, 64 have been taught.

There is no class of school work that is so far reaching in its effects as the thorough training of a normal teacher. To be able to interest the young with the greatest ease, and guide the young mind in the most approved method of securing instruction, is a qualification that appeals to the generosity of the Legislature.

Every thoroughly equipped normal teacher goes to his or her work feeling the responsibility resting upon them, prepared to render the very best service to the scholars and community.

The State can in no way, make a better investment than in the sending out of trained teachers.

We recommend that stenography and typewriting be added to the course of study (optional).

We earnestly recommend that the State Board of Education use their best efforts to arrange with the railroads for the return to their homes free of the students at the close of the session, upon the certificate of the principal of the State Normal School.

We recommend that a block of land immediately in front of the Chapel building be bought, and the young woman's dormitory built thereon, and the buildings at present used as the young women's dormitory be used for the young men's dormitory.

We therefore recommend:

For purchase of block of land mentioned.....	\$ 1,390
For building young women's dormitory and furnishing .....	20,000
For building and repairing fences .....	250
For completing baths, sewers, and water connections .....	300
For completing gymnasium and equipment.....	500
For books for library .....	500
For piano .....	400
For philosophical apparatus and chemicals.....	500
For acetyline gas or electric light plant.....	400
For scholarships, senior, 1903-4.....	4,500
For scholarships, 1904-5 .....	4,500
For salaries of Faculty, 1903-4.....	6,128
For salaries of Faculty, 1904-5.....	6,128
For salary teacher stenography and typewriter (if established) 1903-4 .....	900
For salary teacher, stenography and typewriter (if established) 1904-5 .....	900
For incidentals, year 1903-4 .....	500
For incidentals, year 1904-5 .....	500

We also recommend an appropriation for the use of the State Board of Education in making any change in

the present method of managing the dormitories of \$2,000.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,  
On part of the Senate.  
C. R. PARRISH,  
G. W. CRAWFORD,  
On part of the House.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate.*

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

An act to authorize the Governor to accept any grant by the United States of any part of the Naval Reervation of Escambia county, Florida, and any cession of sovereignty of the State of Florida over the same.

Also—

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.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

Mr. Gillen chairman of the Committee on City and County Organizations, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla. May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 99:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section eight (8) of an act entitled "An act to make it unlawful for live stock to run at large in certain election districts of Leon county, and to provide for the impounding and sale of stock so running at large."

Have had the same under consideration and report the same back without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

GUY GILLEN.

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 99, 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., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

House Bill No. 274:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issue of bonds by the town of Quincy for the construction, establishment, acquisition or purchase and operation of a waterworks and electric light plant; creating trustees of such bonds and providing for the payment of the interest and principal of such bonds.

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

Very respectfully,

GUY GILLEN,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 374, 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., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 306:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the assessment and levies of taxes for the year 1903 and previous years, by the town of Leesburg, and to legalize the tax sale certificates held by the town of Leesburg for taxes assessed in 1903 and years previous thereto, and to prescribe the method of collecting the same, and to prescribe the method of collecting the taxes hereafter assessed and levied in said town.

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

Very respectfully,

GUY GILLEN,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 306, contained in the above report, 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., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 270:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the location of the office of the Florida Railroad Commission.

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

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 270, contained in the above report, 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., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 265:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the recovery of damages from railroad companies for overweighing of freights, and to provide penalties for certain acts in violation thereto.

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

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

And Senate Bill No. 265, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 286:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the catching of fish in the St. Lucie River, in the counties of Brevard and Dade, State of Florida, to define the limit in which fishing shall be prohibited on the St. Lucie River Inlet by land marks, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof.

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

Very respectfully,  
FRANK W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 286, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 324:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect the food fishes in the waters of the fresh water rivers of this State, of over one hundred miles in length; in the lakes connected therewith, and in the streams tributary thereto; and to regulate the taking, sale or offering for sale thereof.

Have had the same under consideration and report it back to Senate without recommendation.

Very respectfully,  
FRANK W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 324, 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., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 278:

A bill to be entitled an act defining the punishment of petit larceny.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendment:

In line 3, of Section 1, strike out the words "one year," and insert in lieu thereof the words "six months."

Very respectfully,

GEO. P. RANEY,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 278, contained in the above report, together with the amendments 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., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate.*

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

House Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the adulteration of spirits of turpentine and to provide a penalty for the violation of the same.

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

Very respectfully,

GEO. P. RANEY,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 29, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, 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., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 188:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to conditional sales of personal property.

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

Very respectfully,

GEO. P. RANEY,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 188, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, 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., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 298:

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

Also,

House Bill No. 104:

A bill to be entitled an act to require Notaries Public to add to their official signature in certain cases the date of the expiration of their commissions, and to fix a penalty for any Notary Public to do any official act after the expiration of his or her commission.

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

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

And Senate Bill No. 298 and House Bill No. 104, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
 Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

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 of the State of Florida over the same.

Also,

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.

Have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

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

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

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate.*

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

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 of jurors in coroner's inquests.

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 creditor's bills before the creditors' claims shall have been reduced to judgment.

Also,

Senate Joint Resolution in reference to Charles Swayne, Judge of the United States Court for the Northern District of Florida.

Also,

Concurrent Senate Resolution No. 21, relative to rescinding and revoking a Concurrent Resolution for calling a convention to make the election of United States Senators elective by direct vote of the people.

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 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 of jurors in coroner's inquests.

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 creditor's bills before the creditor's claims shall have been reduced to judgment.

Also,

Senate Joint Resolution in reference to Charles Swayne, Judge of the United States Court for the Northern District of Florida.

Also,

Concurrent Senate Resolution No. 21, relative to rescinding and revoking a Concurrent Resolution for calling a convention to make the election of United States Senators elective by direct vote of the people.

The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

House Bill No. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the forming sub-road districts in the counties of the State of Florida, and for the election of road trustees; and empowering trustees to improve and maintain the public roads of their districts, and to provide for the assessment and collection of a special tax for said purpose.

Also,

House Bill No. 172:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 20, Chapter 4338, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for establishing, working and repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of the several counties of this State, and to provide for failure thereof, approved May 29, 1895.

S. 54.

Had said bills under consideration and return them to the Senate without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

E. V. McCASKILL,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bills Nos. 92 and 172, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wadsworth, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 310:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the protection of sheep and lambs running at large on the range in various counties of the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

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

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 310, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

## Senate Bill No. 227:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 682, Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, entitled "Real estate especially benefitted assessed one-third expense."

Also,

## 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 this State, and to provide for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections, approved May 25, 1895.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 227 and 33, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

## Senate Bill No. 289:

A bill to be entitled an act creating a Board of Commissioners of State Roads, providing for the construction and building of a system of paved, macadamized or other hard surface State roads in this State; empowering said board to employ necessary assistance; creating a "State Roads Fund;" authorizing said board to accept contributions in aid of construction and building of roads; providing for the employment of the State convicts on the public roads under rules and regulations and conditions as the Legislature may hereafter prescribe.

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

1st. Strike out Section 9.

2d. Make Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, read 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, respectively.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN NEEL,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 289, contained in the above report, together with the amendments thereto, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

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 of jurors in corner's inquests.

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 creditor's bills before the creditors' claims shall have been reduced to judgments.

Also,

Senate Joint Resolution in reference to Charles Swayne, Judge of the United States Court for the Northern District of Florida.

Also,

Concurrent Senate Resolution No. 21, relative to rescinding and revoking a Concurrent Resolution for calling a convention to make the election of United States Senators election by a direct vote of the people.

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., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 15:

A bill to be entitled an act to confirm the powers, life and franchises of East Florida Ice Manufacturing Company.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend that the bill to not pass, for the reason that by the amendment to section 25 of article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, adopted at the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1900, the Legislature is prohibited from passing special laws in relation to private corporations.

Very respectfully,

GEO. P. RANEY,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 15, 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., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

## Senate Bill No. 299:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 8, chapter 4515, Laws of Florida, the same being an act entitled 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 5th, 1897.

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

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 299, 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., May 15, 1902.

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.

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

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 111, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The motion of Mr. Williams given yesterday to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of Mr. Peacock

to Senate substitute for House Bill No. 321 was not agreed to, Wednesday.

Was taken up.

Mr. Williams moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment offered by Mr. Peacock to substitute for House Bill No. 321 was lost.

Which was agreed to.

The following amendment was placed before the Senate:

After the word "aforesaid," in line 21, section 1, add the following: "Provided that if such widow is over the age of 55 years she shall be entitled to such pension, provided she has resided in the State since 1885, and does not own property real or personal to the value of \$800; that such widow shall be required to prove the service of her deceased husband, and that he did not desert the Confederate service."

The question then recurred on the motion to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

#### BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate Bill No. 21:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. McCreary asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 21:

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 21 was withdrawn.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 188 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 188:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together

with the amendments of the Committee on Education.

The following committee amendment was read:

Strike out the words "five" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Six," on the 26th line of section 13 of said bill, and strike out the words "each certificate" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Such certificates" in line 28 of section 13 of said bill.

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 188, as amended, 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. 188, as amended, was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, as amended, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blount, Brown, Butler, Crews, Crill, Faulkner, Gillen, Larris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Whidden, Wilson of the 4th.—24.

Nays—Messrs. Blicht, Carson, Rouse.—3.

So the bill, as amended, passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 267:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower Boards of Public Instruction of the several counties of this State to provide free kindergarten instructions 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. 267, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crill, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, Law, MacWilliams, Neel, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—20.

Nays—Messrs. Crews, Dimick, McCaskill, Miller, Rouse.—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 308:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the salary of the Governor of Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. Kirk moved that Senate Bill No. 308 be placed on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 235:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 20 and 22, of Chapter 4338, of the Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to provide for establishing, working and repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of the several counties of this State, and to provide a penalty for the failure thereof," approved May 29th, 1895.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Neel moved that the rules be further waived and Senate Bill No. 235 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 235 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, Gillen, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of the 7th.—27.

Nays—Williams—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

### SPECIAL ORDER.

Senate Bill No. 170:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating grounds for divorce in the State of Florida.

Was taken up, 10:45 o'clock a. m., the time set for its consideration, having arrived—the following amendment of Mr. Harris, and the motion to adopt pending.

"Strike out the enacting clause."

The yeas and the nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Blount, Butler, Crill, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, MacWilliams, Miller, Palmer, Rauey, Sams, Whidden, Wilson of 7th, Wilson of 4th—16.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Blich, Carson, Crews, McCaskill, McCreary, Neel, Peacock, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Williams.—12.

So the amendment was agreed to.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 86 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 223:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for the commencing and completion of the Sanibel Island Railway, incorporated May 27th, 1897, under the title of Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 223 was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

#### SPECIAL ORDER.

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, 11 o'clock a. m., the time set for its consideration having arrived, having previously been read a second time, and amendments thereto adopted.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to Senate substitute for House Bill No. 321:

Make Section 3 of substitute Section 7.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crews offered the following amendment to Senate substitute for House Bill No. 321:

Strike out the figures "1890" in line 18, Section 1, printed bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following, "1895."

Mr. Crews moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Crews offered the following amendment to Senate substitute for House Bill No. 321:

Strike out the words "Eight" in line 23, of Section 1, printed bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Twelve."

Mr. Crews moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Kirk offered the following amendment to Senate substitute for House Bill No. 321:

Strike out the words "Must not be receiving at the time of her application or at any time during the continuance of the hereby granted any pension from the United States or any State," page 2, lines 19, 20, 21 and 22.

Mr. Kirk moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

And Senate substitute for House Bill No. 321, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 211:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the amendments of the Committee on Railroads.

The following committee amendment was read:

Strike out the word "five" and the figures "5.00" in line 8, Section 3, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

The words "one and one-half" and figures "1.50."

Mr. Williams moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 211, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills,

## 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 sponge therefrom.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 251 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

## Senate Bill No. 215:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4926, Laws of the State of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the carrying of firearms, approved May 9th, 1901.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Peacock offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 215:

Strike out the word "Eighteen" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Twenty-one."

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 215, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

## 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 failure to carry out such contract a misdemeanor and to fix the penalty therefor.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the amendments of the Committee on Judiciary.

The following committee amendment was read:

In lines 13 and 14, of Section 1, strike out the words "Less than twenty days nor," and in line 16 of Section 1 strike out the words "Less than twenty-five dollars nor."

Mr. Blount moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 249, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

## 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 a second time in full.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 168 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. 168 was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 237:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1, Chapter 4927, Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1901, entitled "An act allowing all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables and police officers to have and carry weapons upon their persons, concealed or otherwise, without giving bond.

Was now taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment Senate Bill No. 237:

Insert the following in line 7, Section 1, after the word "jurisdiction" and before the word "an."

"Or when beyond their territorial jurisdiction in the performance of official duties."

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Raney moved that Senate Bill No. 237 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 238:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1, Chapter 4929, Laws of Florida, approved May 3d, 1901, entitled "An Act to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons in this State and to provide a penalty therefor

Was taken up.

Mr. MacWilliams asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 238.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 238 was withdrawn.

#### SPECIAL ORDER.

Senate Bill No. 263:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing and directing the State Board of Pensions to record the name of Joseph Gilmer on the roll of pensioners of the State of

Florida, and declare him entitled to the benefit arising out of Chapter 4894, Laws of Florida, approved May 3d, A. D. 1901.

Was taken up, 11:30 o'clock a. m., the time set for its consideration having arrived, and read a third time in full, and put upon its passage.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Brown, Faulkner, Harris, Law, McCreary, Miller, Neel, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth.—12.

Nays—Messrs. Blich, Blount, Carson, Crill, Dimick, Kirk, MacWilliams, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Whidden, Williams.—12.

So the bill failed to pass.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 236:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 236 was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Palmer moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 236 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

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 a second time in full.

Mr. Palmer offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 326:

Strike out words after the word "Commission" in the 18th line of Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "And he may employ such special counsel to assist him, as he and the Commissioners may agree upon,

whenever he or the Commissioners may deem it necessary, and at such compensation as he may and the Commissioners may agree upon."

Mr. Palmer moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 326, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 295 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 295:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize pilots to incorporate themselves and their property, and to prescribe the rights, powers and liabilities of such pilots and corporations.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 293 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. 295 was placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) moved that the rules be waived and Senate Joint Resolution No. 166, now on table subject to call, be taken up.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 166:

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.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 166 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds-vote.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 166 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) offered a substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 166, with the following title:

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.

The substitute was then read a second time in full.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) moved that the rules be waived, and the substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 166 be placed on calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 166 was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 167, now on table subject to call, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

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.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 167 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 167 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) offered a substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 167 with the following title:

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.

The substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 167, was then read a second time in full.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) moved the adoption of the substitute.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) moved that the rules be waived and the substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 167 be placed on calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 167 was place on calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 134:

A bill to be entitle an act for the assessment of railroads in this State by the Railroad Commission, and prescribing the methods of making such assessment.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Butler offered a substitute for House Bill No. 134, with the following title:

A bill to be entitle an act to amend section 8, chapter 4515, Laws of Florida, the same being an act entitled an act to amend sections 29, 32, 35, 47, 48, 50, 66 and 67 of chapter 4322, Lays of Florida, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue approved June 5th, 1897.

The substitute for House Bill No. 134 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Butler moved the adoption of the substitute for House Bill No. 134.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas— Messrs. Bailey, Blich, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Palmer, Peacock, Scott, Stockton, Williams—14.  
Sams, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of the 7th—16.  
Gillen, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCreary, Neel, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of the 7th—16.

So the substitute for House Bill No. 134 was not adopted.

Mr. Raney moved that House Bill No. 134 be indefinitely postponed.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President Messrs. Blount, Carson, Crill, Dimick, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, Law, MacWilliams, Neel, S. 55.

Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of the 7th—18.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Blitch, Brown, Butler, Crews, McCaskill, McCreary, Miller, Palmer, Scott, Stockton, Williams—12.

So House Bill No. 134 was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Carson 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.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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. 297:

A bill to be entitled an act for dividing counties in this State into cattle districts; appointment of cattle inspectors; their duties, compensation; prescribing method of inspection; duties of persons driving or shipping cattle or hogs, penalties for refusing to comply with same; regulating shipment by railroad, steamboat or other transportation companies, and penalties for refusing to comply therewith; providing for appointment of market clerks for inspection of slaughtered beef and hogs, prescribing their duties and compensation, and penalties for all persons violating provisions of same.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 297, 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., May 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. 361:

A bill to be entitled an act providing that foreign executors, executors and administrators may defend suits in this State.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 361, 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., May 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. 427:

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

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 427, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be waived and House

Bill No. 427 be placed on calendar of bills on second reading without reference to a committee.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 427 was placed on calendar of bills on second reading.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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. 334:

A bill to be entitled an act giving to the city of Orlando similar rights to those now held by the city of Sanford in the road and bridge taxes of Orange county, by granting to the city of Orlando annually one-half of the amount realized from said taxes on property within that city.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 334, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 334 be placed on calendar of bills on second reading without reference to a committee.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 334 was placed on calendar of bills on second reading.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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—

## 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.

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

And Senate Bill No. 66, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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—

Declined to recede from the non-concurrence to Senate amendment to House Bill No. 137, to be entitled an act requiring teachers summer training schools and making appropriations therefor.

And respectfully requests the appointment of a committee of conference.

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

Mr. Carson moved that the Senate accedes to the request of the House of Representatives for a committee of conference on House Bill No. 137.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Gillen, McCreary and Wilson of the 7th as the committee of conference on the part of the Senate.

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

Senate Chamber,  
 Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Joint Resolution No. 303:

A joint resolution ratifying the action of the city council of the city of Miami in declining to accept a dedication (in cases any was intended) as a public park, of the Bay Front Land in that city, east of Biscayne Drive, and North of Fourteenth street.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same do not pass, on the ground that said resolution has no place in the Legislature of Florida.

Very Respectfully,

GUY GILLEN,  
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 303, contained in the above report, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Dimick moved that the Senate take up—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 303:

A joint resolution ratifying the action of the city council of the city of Miami in declining to accept a dedication (in case any was intended) as a public park, of the Bay Front Land in that city, East of Biscayne Drive and North of Fourteenth Street.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dimick moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 303 be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris requested that the Bill Secretary be excused from attendance next week on account of his desiring to attend the meeting of the Confederate Veterans at New Orleans.

Col. Robertson, Bill Secretary, was excused.

Mr. Stockton asked to be excused from attendance until Monday next.

Mr. Stockton was excused.

Mr. Harris moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday, May 16th, 1903.

## SATURDAY, MAY 16, 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. Faulkner and Mr. Wilson of the 7th being absent.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 219 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And 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 expense thereof.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 219 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Peacock asked that Mr. Faulkner be excused from attendance today.

Mr. Faulkner was excused.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Blitch:

Senate Bill No. 333:

A bill to be entitled an act 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.

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

By Mr. Peacock:

Senate Bill No. 334:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of sheriffs of this State.

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

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 153:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2259 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the incorporation of religious, debating, literary, benevolent, charitable, scientific and other association not for profit.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that the bill do pass with the following amendments:

At the end of said bill add the following:

“Section 2. Every subordinate lodge, shall, before exercising any powers, shall have recorded in the office of the clerks of the circuit court of the county wherein such subordinate lodge is located, a statement under the seal of the grand lodge, setting forth the purposes and powers of such subordinate lodge; such statement is to be duly proven by the secretary or other officer of the subordinate lodge, before some officer authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds in the State of Florida.

“Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor.”

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

And Senate Bill No. 153, contained in the above report, together with the amendments thereto, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

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

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

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,

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.

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 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,

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.

The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

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

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

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 169:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to quo warranto.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend the passage of said bill with the following amendment:

In line 1 of Section 1 strike out the words "A Judge of the Circuit Court," and insert in lieu thereof the words "The Attorney General."

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

And Senate Bill No. 169, contained in the above report, together with amendments 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., May 16, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 52:

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

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and herewith submit as a substitute therefor:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring a special license to be paid by express companies doing business in this State, to provide a penalty for its non-payment, and to provide for the distribution of the license tax so paid.

And recommend that the substitute do pass.

Very respectfully,

GEO. P. RANEY,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 52, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

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

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

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,

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.

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

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

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

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

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

Senate Bill No. 326:

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

Also,

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, and to create a State Board of Pensions and prescribe their duties or powers.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 321 and Senate Bill No. 326, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

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

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

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

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

House Joint Resolution No. 168:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 12 of Article 12 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to Education.

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

Very respectfully,  
THOS. PALMER,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Joint Resolution No. 168, contained in the  
above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on  
second reading.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and Senate  
Bill No. 283 be taken up out of its regular order and now  
considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 283:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the investiga-  
tion of diseases among domestic animals, and to prevent  
the spread of contagious diseases among such.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and Senate  
Bill No. 283 be placed on calendar of bills on third read-  
ing without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 283 was placed on the calendar of  
bills on third reading.

Mr. Scott moved that the rules be waived and House  
Bill No. 374 be taken up out of its order and now con-  
sidered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 374:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issue of  
bonds by the town of Quincy, for the construction, es-  
tablishment, acquisition or purchase and operation of a  
waterworks and electric light plant, creating trustees  
of such bonds and providing for the payment of the in-  
terest and principal of such bonds.

Was taken up.

Mr. Scott moved that the rules be waived and House  
Bill No. 374 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 374 was read a second time by its  
title only.

Mr. Scott moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 374 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. 374 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. Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crill, Dimick, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 4th.—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 292 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 292:

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

Was taken up.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 292 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 292 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 292 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. 292 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 292 the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Gillen, Law, MacWilliams, Miller, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of 4th.—20.

Nays—Messrs. Blich, Kirk, McCreary.—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Brown moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 15 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 15:

A bill to be entitled an act to confirm, enlarge and extend the powers, life and franchise of the East Florida Ice Manufacturing Company.

Was taken up.

Mr. Brown asked leave to withdraw Senate Bill No. 15.

Which was granted.

Mr. Brown moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 212 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full together with the amendments of the Committee on Claims.

The following committee amendment was reported.

In lines 4 and 5, and in line 10, of Section strike out the words and figures "fifty (\$50.00)" and insert therein "twenty-five (\$25.00)."

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 212, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

### BILLS ON THIRD READING.

House Bill No. 223:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for the commencing and completion of the Sanibel Island Railway, incorporated May 27th, 1897, under the title of Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 223 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Dimick, Kirk, Miller, Neel, Whidden—6.

Nays—Messrs. Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Gillen, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson of the 4th—20.

So the bill failed to pass.

Senate Bill No. 227:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 682, Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, entitled real estate especially benefitted assessed one-third expense.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 227 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, Blount, Brown, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Kirk, Law, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 4th—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 295:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize pilots to incorporate themselves and their property, and to prescribe the rights, powers and liabilities of such pilots and corporations.

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

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 295, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Gillen, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, Miller, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 4th—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Raney moved that the rules be waived and that the vote by which House Bill No. 223 failed to pass, be reconsidered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 223:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for the commencing and completion of the Sanibel Island Railway, incorporated May 27th, 1897, under the title of Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

Was again placed before the Senate.

The bill was again read.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Dimick, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, McCreary, Neel, Sams, Whidden—10.

Nays—Messrs. Blich, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Law, McCaskill, Miller, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Scott, Williams—15.

So the bill failed to pass.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 261 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 261:

A bill to be entitled an act to make valid and effectual deeds to real estate, heretofore or hereafter made, by a husband direct to his wife.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 261 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. 261 was read a third time in full.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Harris, Law, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Souse, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 4th—24.

Nays—Mr. Gillen.—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Law moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 272 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 272:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 5068, Laws of Florida, being entitled an act to confirm, amend and supplement the municipal corporation of the town of Orange Park, Florida, and to give it certain powers and privileges in relation to the assessment, levy and collection of taxes.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Law moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 272 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. 272 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, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, Miller, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden. Williams, Wilson of the 4th—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 98 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 98:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Samuel R. Hudson.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 98 be read a third in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 98 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, Harris, Kirk, Law, MacWilliams, Neel, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson of the 4th—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Butler 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.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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. 23:

House Concurrent Resolution relative to the appointment of a joint committee to visit and examine the proposed sites that Tallahassee offers to donate for a Governor's mansion.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 23, contained in the above message, was read the first time.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be waived and House Concurrent Resolution No. 23 be taken up and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 23 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Butler moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Butler and Law as the committee on the part of the Senate.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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. 491:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Live Oak in Suwannee county, Florida, and organize a city government for the same, and to provide its jurisdiction and powers.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 491, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 491 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 491 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 491 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. 491 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, Kirk, McCaskill, McCreary, Neel, Palmer, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Williams—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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. 415:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 7, Chapter 4951, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act concerning the admission of certain evidence in certain cases, where original instruments concerning land cannot be produced, and the records thereof have been burned and providing for the purchase of certain papers by Boards of County Commissioners, providing for the punishment of forgeries of certain papers and prescribe certain cases by persons and corporations doing business of furnishing abstracts of title.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 415, 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., May 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—

Senate Bill No. 129:

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

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 129, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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—

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.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 117, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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—

Senate Bill No. 322:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida, provide for the organization and conducting of the municipal govern-

ment of said city and providing the powers and functions of said municipality.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 322, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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—

Senate Memorial No. 199:

Senate Memorial to the Congress of the United States asking that the Suwannee river in the State of Florida, be surveyed and improved for purpose of navigation.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Memorial No. 199, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 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. 340:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2316 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 340, 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., May 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 appointed—

Messrs. Johnston of Pasco, Horne of Jackson, Strozier of Marion, and West of Santa Rosa, committee of conference on the part of the House on Senate amendments to House Bill No. 137, to be entitled an act requiring teachers in summer training schools and making appropriations therefor.

Very respectfully.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives having appointed a committee of four on conference, Mr. Raney was added to the committee on the part of the Senate, and the secretary was instructed to notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

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 a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 170 was placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 207:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit in certain cases

the publishing of false and misleading reports, relative to the climatic weather conditions in this State and the result thereof, and making a penalty for violation thereof.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Raney moved that House Bill No. 207 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris gave notice that at the next session of the Senate he would move to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 207 was indefinitely postponed.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Raney moved that 100 copies of Senate Bill No. 252 be printed.

Mr. Raney withdrew the motion.

And Senate Bill No. 252 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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 a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 112 was placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 205:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 205 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 264:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2 of an act approved May 30, 1895, entitled "An act to amend

an act approved June 8, 1887, entitled an act to revoke and abolish the present municipal government of the town of DeLand, and to organize a city government for the said town," and also to amend an act approved June 1, 1893, entitled "An act to amend Chapter 3781, of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to revoke and abolish the present municipal government of the town of DeLand, and to organize a city government in said town.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 264 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 264 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 264 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. 264 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, Dimick, Gillen, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Peacock, Raney, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 4th—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 231:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing writs of errors 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 a second time in full.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 231 be placed on calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 231 was placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 298 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 298:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 298 be placed on calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 298 was placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 233:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1912 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to actions by and against estates

Was taken up.

Mr. Whidden asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 233.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 233 was withdrawn.

Senate Bill No. 162:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect purchasers at legal and judicial sales.

Was taken up.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 162.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 162 was withdrawn.

Senate Bill No. 184:

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

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the amendments of the Committee on Judiciary.

The following committee amendment was read:

Strike out all after the word "State" in line 7 of section 1 down to the end of the sentence ending with the word "day" and insert in lieu thereof the words "his actual and necessary expenses and the sum of five dollars per day during the time in which he is necessarily engaged in such service."

Mr. Raney moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

In line 3 of Section 2 strike out the word "was" and insert in lieu thereof the words "shall have been."

Mr. Raney moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 184, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 102:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the destruction by burning of \$132,000 of 7 per cent matured bonds of the State of Florida issued in 1857, with coupons attached, that have been paid and satisfied in the settlement of the Florida Indian War Claims, and \$30,000.00 of 8 per cent. bonds of the State of Florida (issued July 1st, 1871, with coupons attached, which were illegally issued.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 102 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. 102 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, Gillen, Harris, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of the 4th.—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 232 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 232:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 24, Chapter 4640, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to abolish the present municipal government of Daytona, Volusia county, Florida, to organize a city government for the same, and to provide for its jurisdiction and powers, approved June 5th, 1897.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 232 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 232 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 232 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. 232 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, Harris, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 4th, Neel—24.

Nays—None.

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 a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 195 was placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

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 a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 234 was placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

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 a second time in full.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 145 be placed on calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 145 was placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

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 Sub-Chapter Two (2) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, entitled "Special Provisions for Building and Loan Associations."

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 141 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 was placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 194:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4123, Laws of Florida, entitled "an act disallowing fees in cases before committing magistrate where informations are not filed nor indictments found. Approved June 2, 1893.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Raney moved that House Bill No. 194 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit divorced persons from marrying within one year after divorce granted, and prescribing a penalty for the same.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Dimick moved that House Bill No. 205 be indefinitely postponed.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Crill, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, Miller, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Wadsworth, Whidden.—15.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blicht, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, McCreary, Neel, Scott, Williams.—11.

So House Bill No. 205 was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Raney moved that when the Senate adjourn today it adjourn to Monday afternoon, May 18, 1903, at 4 o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, declining to serve on the committee to visit the State College at Tallahassee, and the Colored Normal and Industrial School at the same place the President appointed Mr. Scott in his place.

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 1st, 1895, the same being Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 97 as placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 171:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 10 of an act entitled 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 second time in full, together with the amendments of the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The following committee amendment was read:

Amend the title by adding the words: "The same being Chapter 4515, Laws of Florida. Approved June 5th, 1897."

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And the Secretary was instructed to make the addition to the title.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 171 be placed on calendar of bills on third reading without being engrossed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 171 was placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

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 30th, 1901.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 177 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 276, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 313:

Strike out Section 7, and make Section 8 read Section 7.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 313, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 288:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Mrs. Jettette Prevatt.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Crews moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 288 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 288 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, Kirk, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Whidden, Wilson of the 4th—22.

Nays—Messrs. Harris, Palmer, Williams—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the amendments of the Committee on Claims.

The following committee amendment was read:

In line one of section one, strike out the words "four hundred and twenty," and insert therein "three hundred." In line three of section two, strike out the words "four hundred and twenty," and insert therein "three hundred."

Mr. Kirk moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 247, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 137:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a commission to investigate all claims against the Indian War Claims Fund and report conclusions of law and fact to the Gov-

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.