

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, May 27, 1903.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, 29 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present.

Mr. Bailey, Mr. Raney and Mr. Whidden being absent.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Stockton:

Senate Bill No. 392:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide liens for material men, mechanics, artisans and laborers, and to provide the manner in which such liens shall be acquired, and to provide a remedy for the enforcement of such laws.

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

By Mr. Whidden:

Senate Bill No. 393:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the municipality of Manatee, in the county of Manatee, State of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Whidden moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 393 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 393 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Whidden moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 393 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. 393 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. Blich, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Palmer, Peacock, Sams, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 4th.—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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. 426:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring the captains of steamboats transporting freight on any of the rivers in this State to place such freight in a dry and convenient place, and to prevent throwing same near the water's edge where it may be damaged by the waters from said rivers.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 426, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Neel moved that House Bill No. 426 be placed on calendar of bills on second reading without reference to a committee.

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 27, 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. 451:

A bill to be entitled an act for the proper naming of all trees, seeds, plants and vines sold or offered for sale 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. 451, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Forestry.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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. 395:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the sureties on the bonds given by R. D. Kirk as Tax Collector of Hernando county.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 395, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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. 452:

A bill to be entitled an act disqualifying butchers as beef inspectors.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 452, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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. 384:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the purchase by the State of Florida from the county of Franklin certain premises for an armory at Apalachicola, Franklin county, Florida, or for other purposes.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And House Bill No. 384, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Militia.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
 Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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. 443:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit monopolies of trade, and conspiracies, combinations and agreements in restraint of trade, to prohibit agreements, combinations and conspiracies to prevent competition in trade, to prescribe punishment therefor, to provide redress for persons aggrieved thereby, and for other purposes.

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

And House Bill No. 443, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Stockton moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 443 be placed on calendar of bills on second reading, without reference to committee, and 200 copies printed.

Mr. Stockton withdrew the motion,

Mr. Harris moved that House Bill No. 443 be referred to the Judiciary Committee, and they be instructed to report the bill back to the Senate by Friday next.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved that 200 copies of House Bill No. 443 be printed.

Which was agreed to.
The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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 Substitute for—
House Bill No. 56:

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

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 56, 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 27, 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. 193:

A bill to be entitled an act amending Section 2 of an act entitled an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties, regulating the payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs and providing for the feed of prisoners and hire of convicts, and approved April 20, 1895.

With amendments thereto.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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

And Senate Bill No. 193, contained in the above message, as amended by the House of Representatives, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Crews moved that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to Senate Bill No. 193.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 193, as amended by the House of Representatives, and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
 Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 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 the report of the conference committee upon House amendments to Senate Bill No. 37, as follows:

The committee recommends that the Senate recede from its non-concurrence in the following House amendment: "Strike out the words Recording Clerk of the House, after the words Recording Clerk of the Senate, and insert after the words shall have ten days extra the Recording Clerk of the House shall have thirty days extra after the session, and further recommend that the following amendment be adopted in lieu of the House amendment above mentioned: Strike out the words "ten days," in lines three and four on page four of Engrossed Bill, and insert in lieu thereof "thirty days."

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The undersigned conferees on the part of the Senate on amendments of House of Representatives to Senate Bill No. 37, beg to report:

The committee on conference recommends that the Senate recede from its non-currence in the following House amendment:

Strike out the words "Recording Clerk of the House" after the words "Recording Clerk of the Senate," and insert after the words "shall have ten days extra," "the Recording Clerk of the House shall have thirty days extra after the session."

And the committee further recommend that the following amendment be adopted in lieu of the House amendment above mentioned:

Strike out the words "ten days" in lines three and four, on page four of engrossed bill, and insert in lieu thereof "thirty days."

Respectfully submitted,

W. HUNT HARRIS,
J. M. N. PEACOCK,
T. M. SCOTT,
C. FABIAN LAW,

Conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the report of the conference committee.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 27, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to provide for and regulate temporary vacancies by teachers in the public schools of this State and matters relating thereto.

Also,

An act to require notaries public to add to their official signatures in certain cases the date of the expiration of their commission, and to fix a penalty for any notary public to do any official act after the expiration of his or her commission.

Also.

An act amending Chapter 4573 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend Section 939 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the examination and licensing of pilot commissioners, approved June 3, 1897.

Also,

An act to repeal Chapter 4649 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act to establish the municipality of Belleair, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers.

Also,

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

Have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON.

Chairman of Committee.

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

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to provide for and regulate temporary vacancies by teachers in the public schools of this State and matters relating thereto.

Also,

An act to require notaries public to add to their official signatures in certain cases the date of the expiration of their commission, and to fix a penalty for any notary public to do any official act after the expiration of his or her commission.

Also,

An act amending Chapter 4573 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend Section 939 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the examination and licensing of pilot commissioners, approved June 3d, 1897.

Also,

An act to repeal Chapter 4649 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act to establish the municipality of Belleair, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers.

Also,

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

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 provide for and regulate temporary vacancies by teachers in the public schools of this State and matters relating thereto.

Also,

An act to require notaries public to add to their official signatures in certain cases the date of the expiration of their commission, and to fix a penalty for any notary

public to do any official act after the expiration of his or her commission.

Also,

An act amending Chapter 4573 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend Section 939 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the examination and licensing of pilot commissioners, approved June 3d, 1897.

Also,

An act to repeal Chapter 4649 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act to establish the municipality of Bellair, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers.

Also,

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

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. Stockton, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 435:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 7, of Chapter 5014, of the Laws of Florida, the same being 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.

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

Very respectfully,

TELFAIR STOCKTON,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 435, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Stockton, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 302:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the holding of primary elections of any political party in the State of Florida, for nominating candidates for any office under the laws of this State, and for nominating delegates to political conventions.

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

Very respectfully,
TELFAIR STOCKTON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 302, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Stockton, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 464:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 19, of Chapter 4328, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1895, being 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.

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

Very respectfully,
TELFAIR STOCKTON,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 464, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to provide for and regulate temporary vacancies by teachers in the public schools of this State and matters relating thereto.

Also,

An act to require notaries public to add to their official signatures in certain cases the date of the expiration of their commission, and to fix a penalty for any notary public to do any official act after the expiration of his or her commission.

Also,

An act amending chapter 4573 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend Section 939 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the examination and licensing of pilot commissioners; approved June 3d, 1897.

Also,

An act to repeal Chapter 4649 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act to establish the municipality of Belleair, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers.

Also,

An act to provide for testing the legality of elections held to determine whether intoxicating liquors, wines or

beer shall be sold, and to prohibit collateral contests thereof in prosecution for crime.

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

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

Mr. Crews, Chairman of the Committee on Conference on House Bill No. 143, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee of conference on the disagreement between the House and Senate on Senate amendment to House Bill No. 143, respectfully recommend that the House recede from its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment, and that it adopt the same.

J. B. CRUMBS,
N. A. BLISS,
H. H. McCREARY,
Committee on Part of Senate.
J. P. WARD,
G. J. STROHER,
Committee on Part of House.

Mr. Crews moved the adoption of the conference report. Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCreary, Chairman of the Committee on Public Printing, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Public Printing to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 104:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of the Acts of the Legislature of a general and per-

manent nature in newspapers prescribing the duties of the Secretary of State and the Boards of County Commissioners, and providing for compensation for publishers.

Together with House amendment thereto was carefully considered same and recommend that the Senate decline to concur in said amendment, and respectfully request that the House recede therefrom.

Very respectfully,

H. H. McCreary,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Crews, Chairman of the Committee on Conference And Senate Bill No. 104, as amended by the House of Representatives, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Kirk movd that the Senate non-concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to Senate Bill No. 104.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris movd that the special orders, which were passed over yesterday, be taken up and now considered.

Which was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Senate Bill No. 253 :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the division of counties into road districts, and for the election biennially of these trustees, and to prescribe their duties and powers, and for levying, collecting and disbursing district road taxes.

Was taken up.

Mr. McCreary asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 253.

Which was gratned.

And Senate Bill No. 253 was withdrawn.

House Bill No. 261 :

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the salaries of certain administrative officers.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 261 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brown Blount, Butler,

Carson, Dimick, Harris, Kirk, Law, Macwilliams, Sams, Stockton, Wadsworth, Williams.—14.

Nays—Messrs. Crews, Crill, Faulkner, Gillen, McCreary Peacock, Scott, Whidden, Wilson of the 7th.—9

So the bill passed, title as stated.

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.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. McCreary offered a substitute for House Bill No. 92, with the following title:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the division of counties into road districts, and for the election biennially of three road trustees, and to prescribe their duties and powers, and for levying, collecting and disbursing district road taxes.

The substitute was then read a second time in full.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the substitute.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th offered the following amendment to Senate substitute for House Bill No. 92:

Strike out the word "that," in line 3, to the words "election districts," inclusive, in line 5, Section 1.

In line 15, section 1, add the letter "s" to the word "place."

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate substitute for House Bill No. 92 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

House Bill No. 171:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the recovery of property taken up or advertised as estrays.

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

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

Yeas—Mr. President.—1.

Nays—Messrs. Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Gillen,, Kirk, McCaskill, Sams, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th—16.

So the bill failed to pass.

House Bill No. 228:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking the census of incorporated cities and towns in the State of Florida.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 228 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Blicht, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Harris, Kirk, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Peacock, Sams, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 266:

A bill to be entitled an act to pay defendants witnesses in criminal cases.

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

Upon call of the roll on House Bill No. 266 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President Messrs. Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Kirk, McCaskill, McCreary, Neel, Rouse, Sams, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 308:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2606, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the intermarriage of white and colored persons.

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

Upon call of the roll on the passage of House Bill No. 308 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, Rouse, Sams, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—22.

Nays—None

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Scott moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 522 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-third vote.

And,

House Bill No. 522:

A bill to be entitled an act to grant certain lands by the State of Florida, to aid in the construction of the St. Andrews, Quincy and Northern Railway.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Scott offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 522:

Amend by adding in line 6, Section 2, after the word "purposes," the following: "When in the discretion of the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida the same may be granted."

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Scott offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 522:

Amend Section 3 by striking out in lines 3 and 4 the following: "In addition to the alternate sections lying on each side of and within six miles of said railway."

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Scott offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 522:

Strike out in Section 2, line 1, the following: "In addition to the grant named in Section 1 of this Act."

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Scott offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 522:

Strike out Section 7 and make Sections 2, 3 and 4 read 1, 2 and 3.

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the amendment, which was agreed to.

Mr. Faulkner offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 522:

Add "Provided that the land grant herein mentioned shall not apply to any lands that do not lie in any of the counties through which the said railroad shall run."

Mr. Faulkner moved the adoption of the amendment, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Scott moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 522, as amended, be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 522, 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, Brown, Carson, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCreary, MacWilliams, Palmer, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Whidden.—15.

Nays—Messrs. Blich, Blount, Crews, Crill, Faulkner, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—7.

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

Mr. Butler was excused from voting.

Mr. Scott moved that the rules be waived and the action of the Senate on all bills today be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the bills were so certified.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 320 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 320:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the meaning of the terms "necessary purpose" and "compensation," as are severally and respectively used in the Revised Statutes, and the several acts enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida, "granting the power of eminent domain, and providing a procedure in condemnation proceedings," and to prohibit foreign corporations from exercising the power of eminent domain in this State.

Was taken up.

Mr. MacWilliams asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 320.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 320 was withdrawn.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 319 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 319:

A bill to be entitled an act to restrict the exercise of the power of eminent domain, and prohibit the acquiring by condemnation of lands and riparian rights bordering upon lakes, bays, rivers, inlets and other waterways in this State, except for certain purposes and as is herein provided.

Was taken up.

Mr. MacWilliams asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 319.

Which was granted

And Senate Bill No. 319 was withdrawn.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 318 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 318:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 1555 and 1556, Title 3, Chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. MacWilliams asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 318.

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 318 was withdrawn.

House Bill No. 185:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the reimbursement of the owners of property by the several counties of the State of Florida from the money derived from the hire of State prisoners and county prisoners, upon the due proof of the larceny of such property, and upon convic-

tion or convictions for such larceny in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris moved that House Bill No. 185 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 215 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 215:

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

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:

After the word "cattle" in line 7 of Section 1, add the words "or other domestic animals and dogs."

Mr. Sams moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Sams moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 215, as amended, be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 215, 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—Messrs. Blich, Blount, Brown, Carson, Crews, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCreary, MacWilliams, Palmer, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—22.

Nays—Mr. President, Mr. Butler.—2.

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

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 226 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 226:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Section 4 of Chapter 4930, of the Laws of Florida, Acts of A. D. 1901.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Wilson offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 226:

Amend title by adding "the same being an act to provide a penalty for selling liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sale and to provide a penalty for selling liquor without first paying the license required by law in counties voting for the sale of liquors, and to prescribe forms of indictments and informations in such cases.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 226, as amended, be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 226, 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. Blich, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th, Wilson of the 4th.—25.

Nays—None.

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

SPECIAL ORDER.

House Bill No. 254:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 11, of Chapter 4325, Laws of Florida, being an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties, regulating the payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs, and providing for the feed of prisoners and hire of convicts.

Was taken up, the hour of 10:30 o'clock a. m., the time set for its consideration having arrived.

House Bill No. 254.

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

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved that House Bill No. 254 be deferred and it be made a special order for Friday next at 11 a. m.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams called up
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.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that Senate Bill No. 289 be made a special order for Thursday, May 28, at 12 m.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer called up.

Senate Bill No. 53:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable cities and towns to assess and tax for municipal purposes the franchises of all companies, corporations or associations having or exercising any special or exclusive privileges or franchise not allowed by law to natural persons, or performing any public service.

Mr. Palmer moved that Senate Bill No. 53 be considered on Thursday immediately after the Senate has concluded the consideration of Senate Bill No. 289.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Stockton asked to be excused until Friday next.

Mr. Stockton was excused.

Mr. Scott moved that House Bill No. 522 be recalled from the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 375 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 375:

A bill to be entitled an act imposing license and other taxes, providing for the payment thereof, and prescribing penalties for doing business without a license or other failure to comply with the provisions thereof.

Was taken up.

Mr. Crill moved that Senate Bill No. 375 be read the second time by sections.

Which was agreed to.

Section 1 was read.

Section 2 was read.

Section 3 was read.

Section 4 was read.

Section 5 was read.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Insert after the word "dollars" in line 7, page 4, "and such tax should be in lieu of all other tax.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Harris withdrew the amendment.

Section 6 was read.

Section 7 was read.

Section 8 was read.

Mr. Peacock offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Strike out the words after the word "business" in line 2, and down to the word "and" in line 5, section 8, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Five hundred dollars to the State and two hundred and fifty dollars to the county."

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th offered the following substitute for the amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Strike out the words "seven hundred and fifty" in line 2, section 8, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "One thousand."

Strike out the words "two hundred and fifty" in lines 3 and 4, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Five hundred."

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved the adoption of the substitute for the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll on the motion to adopt the substitute the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Blicht, Butler, Carson, Crews, Faulkner, McCaskill, Neel, Peacock, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—12.

Nays—Messrs. Blount, Brown, Crill, Dimick, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, McCreary, MacWilliams, Palmer, Rouse, Sams, Stockton, Wadsworth, Wilson of the 4th.—16.

So the substitute was not adopted.

The yeas and nays were demanded on the amendment of Mr. Peacock.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Blicht, Butler, Faulkner, Kirk, Neel, Peacock, Wilson of the 7th.—8.

Nays—Messrs. Blount, Brown, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Gillen, Harris, Law, McCreary, MacWilliams, Palmer, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson of the 4th.—18.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

After the word "provided," being the fourth word of the seventh line of Section 8, add the following:

"That wherever any such place of business is located, outside the corporate limits of any city or town, the owner or owners thereof shall pay a county license tax to the county where the business is located, equal in amount to the sum total of the license tax assessed for both the municipalities and county for each such place of business, located within the limits of a city or town. Provided further,"—

Mr. Palmer moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Strike out the word when such a license is taken out for the whole or fractional part of a year," on lines 9 and 10, section 8, printed bill.

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Strike out the word "piece," in line 3, section 8, printed bill, and insert in lieu thereof the followin, "Place."

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Strike out the word "May," fifth line of section 8, original bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: the word "Shall."

Mr. Palmer moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Strike out the words "not to exceed" in line 5, section 8, original bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following, "of."

Mr. Palmer moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 9 was read.

Section 10 was read.

Section 11 was read.

Section 12 was read.

Section 13 was read.

Section 14 was read.

Section 15 was read.

Section 16 was read.

Section 17 was read.

Section 18 was read.

Section 19 was read.

Section 20 was read.

Section 21 was read.

Section 22 was read.

Section 23 was read.

Section 24 was read.

Section 25 was read.

Section 26 was read.

Section 27 was read.

Section 28 was read.

Section 29 was read.

Section 30 was read.

Section 31 was read.

Section 32 was read.

Section 33 was read.

Section 34 was read.

Section 35 was read.

Mr. Palmer offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

After the word and figures "Sec. 35." at the beginning of section 35, add the following.

"That all persons, firms, corporations, associations or their agents doing the business of lending or advancing money, for which interest, commission, inspection fees, or other remuneration is charged, secured by mortgage, bill of sale, power of attorney, or other legal transfer of personal property, or security for any such loans or advances, or of any person, firm, corporation or association doing the business of procuring any such loans or advances for borrowers, upon such securities and charging such borrowers, commissions, inspection or other fees for their services, shall pay to the State a license tax of one hundred dollars per annum for each place of business maintained and

Mr. Palmer moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Palmer withdrew the amendment.

Section 36 was read.

Section 37 was read.

Section 38 was read.

Section 39 was read.

Section 40 was read.

Section 41 was read.

Section 42 was read.

Section 43 was read.

Mr. Stockton offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Strike out the words in section 43, line 2. "one hundred." printed bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following, "two hundred and fifty."

Mr. Stockton moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 44 was read.

Section 45 was read.

Section 46 was read.

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Strike out the word "Water" in third line, section 46, printed bill, and add the following to said section 46:

"Any person, firm or corporation furnishing water for profit in cities and towns of 3,500 inhabitants and over shall pay a license tax of one hundred dollars."

Mr. Mac Williams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Crill offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

In section 46, line 4, strike out the words "including all telephone companies."

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mac Williams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Add to section 46: Provided, however, that any person, firm or corporation furnishing water for profit, in cities and towns of 500 to 1,000 inhabitants shall pay a license tax of \$15.00; in cities and towns of 1,000 to 2,000 inhabitants, shall pay a license tax of \$20.00; in cities and towns of 2,000 to 3,000 inhabitants shall pay a license tax of \$30.00; in cities and towns of 3,000 to 4,000 inhabitants shall pay a license tax of \$40.00; in cities and towns of 4,000 inhabitants and over shall pay a license tax of \$50.00.

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brown moved to adjourn until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 O'CLOCK.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called 23 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present.

Messrs. Bailey, Dimick, Law, Miller, MacWilliams, Neel, Raney, Sams, and Whidden being absent.

By Permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to provide for official reporters in the circuit courts of the State and to repeal Section 1399 of the Revised Statutes relating to the appointment and compensation of stenographers and to prescribe the effect as evidence of the transcripts made by said reporters.

Also,

An act to make it the duty of the governor to appoint a State auditor, to define his powers and duties and to fix his compensation and for the employment of clerical assistance, to fix penalties for refusing to submit books, records and monies to inspection of the State auditor, and to repeal chapters 4984 and 4849, Laws of Florida.

Also,

An act for the relief of the sureties on the official bond of Francis D. Pooser, ex-tax collector of Marion county Florida, dated Nov. 24, 1896.

Also,

An act authorizing the closing of certain streets and alleys in the city of Key West, Florida.

Also,

An act to prohibit certain purchases and contracts for public use and public work and to provide a penalty for the same.

Also,

An act to extend the time for completing the canal of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company and to preserve and continue the grant of land to aid in its construction.

Have carefully examined 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.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act declaring the town of Graceville, in Jackson county, Florida, to be a legally incorporated town.

Also,

An act declaring the town of Wildwood, in the county of Sumter, to be a legally incorporated town.

Also,

An act to declare the town of Morriston, in the county of Levy, State of Florida, to be a legally incorporated town.

Also

An act to amend section 23 of an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections and for the returns of elections, approved May 27, 1895, as amended by chapter 4329, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to amend section 23, 38, 46 and 47 of an act entitled an act 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 30, 1895, relating to the duty of tax collectors.

Have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

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

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

House Bill No. 396:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the shipping of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, wines or beer for delivery or sale into counties and election districts where prohibition, under local option law is in force, without having a bona fide order and bona fide consignee therefor; also prohibiting delivery of such liquors, wine or beer under such conditions, and prescribing a penalty for violation thereof.

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

Very respectfully,

J. B. CREWS,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 396, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.
By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to provide for official reporters in the circuit courts of the State and to repeal section 1399 of the Revised Statutes relating to the appointment and compensation of stenographers and to prescribe the effect as evidence of the transcripts made by said reporters.

Also,

An act to make it the duty of the Governor to appoint a State auditor, to define his powers and duties and to fix his compensation and for the employment of clerical assistance, to fix penalties for refusing to submit books and to repeal chapters 4984 and 4840, Laws of Florida.

Also,

An act for the relief of sureties on the official bond of Francis D. Pooser, ex-tax collector of Marion county, Florida, dated November 24, 1896.

Also,

An act authorizing the closing of certain streets and alleys in the city of Key West, Florida.

Also,

An act to prohibit certain purchases and contracts for public use and public work and to provide a penalty for the same.

Also,

An act to extend the time for completing the canal of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company and to preserve and continue the grant of land to aid in its construction.

Have carefully examined 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, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk, thereof.

By permission—

Mr. Carson introduced—

Senate Bill No. 394:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the restoration to a state of judicial sanity of persons who have been previously adjudged insane.

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

By permission—

Mr. Wilson of the 7th introduced (by request):

Senate Bill No. 395:

..A bill to be entitled ^{an} an act regarding insurance companies, and the powers and duties of agents thereof, in the State of Florida.

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

By permission—

Mr. Carson introduced:

Senate Bill No. 396:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2 of an act entitled "An act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 4045, Laws of Florida, approved June 2d, 1891, the same being an act to amend an act entitled "An act to protect the interests of farmers, planters and others, Chapter 3012, approved February 17th, 1877, the same being an act approved May 12th, 1903.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 396 be read a second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 396 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 396 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 396 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. Blich, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, McCaskill, McCreary, Palmer, Peacock, Rouse, Scott, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—20.

Nays—Kirk—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 396 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 396 was so certified.

By permission—

Mr. Faulkner introduced:

Senate Bill No. 397:

A bill to be entitled an act for the discovery of the illicit sale of whiskey, and to punish those who buy from

such illicit vendors, unless they will disclose to legal authority who such illicit vendors are.

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

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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

An act to provide for official reporters in the circuit courts of the State and to repeal Section 1399 of the Revised Statutes relating to the appointment and compensation of stenographers and to prescribe the effect as evidence of the transcripts made by said reporters.

Also,

An act to make it the duty of the Governor to appoint a State Auditor, to define his powers and duties and to fix his compensation and for the employment of clerical assistance, to fix penalties for refusing to submit books, records and monies to inspection of the State Auditor, and to repeal Chapters 4984 and 4849, Laws of Florida.

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Also,

An act to extend the time for completing the canal of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company and to preserve and continue the grant of land to aid in its construction.:

Be it reported that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-

tives, 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.

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An act to extend the time for completing the canal of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company and to preserve and continue the grant of land to aid in its construction.:

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.

By permission—

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

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate

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

An act declaring the town of Graceville, in Jackson county, Florida, to be a legally incorporated town,

Also,

An act declaring the town of Wildwood, in the county of Sumter, to be a legally incorporated town.

Also,

An act to declare the town of Morriston, in the county of Levy, State of Florida, to be a legally incorporated town.

Also,

An act to amend Section 23 of an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections and for the returns of elections, approved May 25, 1895, as amended by Chapter 4329, Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to amend Sections 23, 38, 46 and 47 of an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State and to provide for general and special elections and for the returns of elections, approved May 30, 1895, relating to the duty of tax collectors.

Beget 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,

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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.

By permission:

Mr. Palmer introduced the following:

Senate Resolution No. 48:

Be it resolved by the Senate. That hereafter whenever bills upon second or third reading is reached upon the calendar at every session of the Senate the following proceedings and none other shall be had, the roll of senators shall be called and each Senator, as is his name is called, shall be entitled to call up any bill upon second or third reading that he may desire, provided that if any Senator is absent when his name is called, his right under this resolution shall be temporarily passed until his return; Provided, further, That this resolution shall not be con-

strued so as to prevent the Senate from transacting its routine business.

Mr. Palmer moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

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

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Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1903.

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An act to extend the time for completing the canal of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company and to preserve and continue the grant of land to aid in its construction.:

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

Very respectfully,
C. L. WILSON,
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Beg to report that the same has been presented to the Governor for his approval.

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

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 346 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

Senate Bill No. 346:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the education and industrial training of the blind, deaf and dumb of the State of Florida.

Was taken up, 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 "The Florida Institute for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb," on first line in Section one (1), and insert in lieu thereof: "The Florida School for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb."

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

Strike out the words "The Florida Institute for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb," in the third line in Section 2.

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

Strike out the words "The Florida Institute for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb," in the third line of Section two, (2), of said bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The Florida School for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb."

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

Strike out the word "provided," on the 12th line of Section 4 of said bill, to end of said section, and insert in lieu the following: "Provided, That the Trustees upon recommendation of the Superintendents, may allow pupils to remain after they reach the age of 21 years."

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

Strike out the word "Institute," on the 4th line of Section one (1), and insert in lieu thereof the following: "School."

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

Strike out the word "Institute," on the second and third line of Section two (2), and insert the following: "School."

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

Strike out the word "Institute," on the 1st, 6th, 8th, 12th and 15th lines of section 4, and insert in lieu thereof "School."

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

Strike out the word "Institute," in the 4th and 7th lines of section 5, and in lieu thereof insert the following: "School."

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following committee amendment was read:

Strike out the words "Provided those who have the means shall be required to pay the necessary expenses, tuition excepted, of their children or wards," commencing on the 12th line of section 4 of said bill.

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved that 100 copies of Senate Bill No. 346 be printed and remain on second reading.

Which was not agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 346, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The Senate resumed consideration of—

Senate Bill No. 375:

A bill to be entitled an act imposing license and other

taxes, providing for the payment thereof, and prescribing penalties for doing business without a license or other failure to comply with the provisions thereof.

Under consideration at adjournment.

Section 47 was read.

Section 48 was read.

Section 49 was read.

Section 50 was read.

Mr. Carson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Strike out the words "this section," from line 2, section 50, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Section 48."

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 51 was read.

Section 52 was read.

Section 53 was read.

Section 54 was read.

Mr. Palmer offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Strike out the words "or municipality," on seventh line of section 54.

Mr. Palmer moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Palmer withdrew the amendment.

Section 55 was read.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

After the word "hve" in line 4, section 55, add the following: "Also to drive public hack or dray without paying a State, County or city license, provided the hack or dray belongs to himself."

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 56 was read.

Section 57 was read.

Section 58 was read.

Section 59 was read.

Section 60 was read.

Section 61 was read.

Section 62 was read.

Section 63 was read.

Section 64 was read.

Section 65 was read.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Insert the following as section 65: Any person who served in the army or navy of the Confederate State shall be exempt from the provisions of this act, provided this exemption shall not apply to the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, and let section 65 read section 66. Section 14 by virtue of section 15 of the bill having been tion of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Blount offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Amend Senate Bill No. 375 by striking out Section 15

Mr. Blount moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Strike out the words "fifty" in line 3, section 16, and insert "twenty-five."

Strike out the words "twenty-five" wherever it may appear in section 16 and insert "twelve dollars and fifty cents."

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Crill offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 375:

Change the sections to their consecutive number after Section 14 by virtue of section 15 of the bill having been stricken out.

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 375, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 383 be taken up and considered by sections.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 383:

A bill to be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

Was taken up and read a second time in full by sections.

Section 1 was read.

Section 2 was read.

Section 3 was read.

Section 4 was read.

Section 5 was read.

Section 6 was read.

Section 7 was read.

Section 8 was read.

Section 9 was read.

Section 10 was read.

Section 11 was read.

Mr. Neel offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 383:

Strike out all after the word "collected," on line 6, to and including the word "paid," line 8, of section 11,

Mr. Neel moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 12 was read.

Section 13 was read.

Section 14 was read.

Section 15 was read.

Section 16 was read.

Section 17 was read.

Section 18 was read.

Section 19 was read.

Section 20 was read.

Pending which—

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Scott moved that the rules be waived and that the message from the House of Representatives containing House Bill No. 522 be taken up.

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 27, 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 beg leave to return as requested by the Senate—

House Bill No. 522:

A bill to be entitled an act to grant certain lands by the State of Florida to aid in the construction of the St. Andrews, Quincy and Northern Railway.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Scott moved that the vote on which House Bill No. 522 passed the Senate, be reconsidered.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Scott moved that House Bill No. 522 be placed back on second reading, for amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Scott moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 522 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

House Bill No. 522:

A bill to be entitled an act to grant certain lands by the State of Florida, to aid in the construction of the St. Andrews, Quincy and Northern Railway.

Was taken up.

Mr. Scott offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 522:

Amend by striking out the following proviso in section 2: "Provided. That lands embraced in the act of Congress of September 28th, 1850, granted to the State in trust, shall not be applicable to the provisions of this act."

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Scott moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 522 as amended, be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 522 as amended 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, Brown, Carson, Dimick, Gillen, Harris, McCreary, Noel, Palmer, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Whidden, Wilson of the 4th.—17.

Nays—Messrs. Blitch Blount, Crews, Crill, Faulkner, Williams, Wilson of the 7th.—7.

So the bill passed as amended, title as stated.

Mr. McCaskill was excused from voting.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and that all bills passed be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the bills were so certified.

By permission—

Mr. Harris introduced.

Senate Bill No. 398:

A bill to be entitled an act to create and establish a State Bureau of Vital Statistics for the State of Florida, under the immediate control and supervision of the State Board of Health of Florida, with the State Health officers as State Registrar; to provide for the collection of the vital statistics of the State of Florida; to provide for printing the necessary blanks, books and records for this purpose, collecting the same by local registrars, and sub-registrars, with compensation for such service, and providing penalties for failure to observe and comply with the requirements of this act.

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

The Senate resumed consideration of—

Senate Bill No. 383:

A bill to be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

Section 21 was read.

Section 22 was read.

Section 24 was read.

Section 23 was read.

Section 25 was read.

Section 26 was read.

Section 27 was read.

Section 28 was read.

Section 29 was read.

Section 30 was read.

Section 31 was read.

Section 32 was read.

Mr. Faulkner offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 383:

Strike out the words "April and July" in section 32, line 23, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "January and March."

Mr. Faulkner moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Section 33 was read.

Section 34 was read.

Section 35 was read.

Section 36 was read.

Section 37 was read.

Section 38 was read.

Section 39 was read.

Section 40 was read.

Mr. Blount offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 383:

Amend Section 40 by inserting after the word "April" in line 10 the words.

"If any taxpayer shall pay his taxes between the first day of November and the first day of December he shall be allowed by the Tax Collector a discount of two per centum therefrom; if he shall pay on the first day of December, or between that day and the first day of January, he shall be allowed a discount therefrom of one per centum if he shall pay on the first day of January or thereafter, there shall be added to the amount of his tax one per centum thereof per month until the payment or collection thereof. Any tax paid on or upon the first day of January, shall, for the purpose of the additions aforesaid, be regarded as paid on the last day of the month in which it is paid."

Mr. Blount moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer moved that when the Senate adjourn this afternoon it adjourn until 8 o'clock tonight.

Which was agreed to.

The Senate resumed consideration of—

Senate Bill No. 383:

A bill to be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

Section 41 was read.

Section 42 was read.
 Section 43 was read.
 Section 44 was read.
 Section 45 was read.
 Section 46 was read.
 Section 47 was read.
 Section 48 was read.
 Section 49 was read.
 Section 50 was read.
 Section 51 was read.
 Section 52 was read.
 Section 53 was read.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 383:

After the word "Titles" in line 5, of Section 53, add, "Including a reasonable attorneys fees to be fixed by the court."

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 54 was read.

Mr. Crill offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 383:

Strike out the word in Section 54, line 3, "number of acres of land," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Portion of land."

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 55 was read.

Section 56 was read.

Section 57 was read.

Section 58 was read.

Section 59 was read.

Section 60 was read.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 383:

After the word "Act," in line 28, of Section 60, insert the following: "Either in an action of ejection or by bill in equity to set aside the tax deed."

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 61 was read.

Section 62 was read.

Section 63 was read.

Mr. Blount offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 383:

Amend Section 63 by striking out the word "Two," in line 8, and inserting the word "Four."

Mr. Blount moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Blount offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 383:

Amend Section 63 by striking out the words "Two" on line 8 and inserting the word "Three."

Mr. Blount moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Section 64 was read.

Section 65 was read.

Mr. Blount offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 383:

Amend by striking out from line 57 of Section 4 the words "or disease."

Mr. Blount moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to

Mr. Wilson of the 7th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 383:

Strike out the word "Two," in line 7, Section 62, and insert the word "Three."

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 383, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Palmer moved to adjourn until 8 o'clock tonight.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 8 o'clock tonight.

EVENING SESSION, 8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called 22 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present.

Messrs. Bailey, Butler, Faulkner, Harris, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Stockton and Wilson of the 4th being absent,

Mr. Kirk moved to adjourn until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. Thursday, May 28, 1903.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 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. Stockton and Mr. Miller being absent.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

A message was received from the House of Representative.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

By Mr. Gillen:

Senate Bill No. 399:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 4842, Laws of Florida, the same being "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville and Tampa Bay Improved Railway Company and grant lands to aid in its construction," approved May 18, 1895, and which said Chapter 4842 was approved June 2, 1899.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Gillen moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 399 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 399 was read a second time by its title only.